Lawyers block MPs' questioning on missing Mirror Group pension money

# The Maxwell brothers stay silent

### QC fears 'trial by television'

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

IAN and Kevin Maxwell stonewalled MPs for two hours yesterday, bluntly refusing to answer questions about millions of pounds missing from the Mirror group pension

Robert Maxwell's sons had been ordered to appear before the Commons social security select committee after failing to turn up last month. But while they answered the summons, they uttered hardly a word as their lawyers insisted on their right of silence. MPs are now seeking advice on whether the brothers are in contempt of Parliament

George Carman, QC, told the MPs that he expected Kevin Maxwell to face criminai charges soon, and it was a basic principle of English law that a person did not have to testify against himself. Pointing to the television cameras broadcasting live, he added that Mr Maxwell might be denied a fair trial if prospec-

tive jurors were watching.

John Jarvis, QC, for lan Maxwell, also expressed fears of "trial by television" and said that should not be tolerated in a civilised society.

### Racing on a Sunday

Sunday racing in Britain moved a step nearer yes-terday when the Jockey Club agreed in principle to stage a race meeting in the summer. Several racecourses expressed interest but reactions from the betting industry were muted, with fear of a growth in

illegal gambling. Under the present law, there would be no oncourse betting; any betting would take place on a 

#### Lottery bet

An MP whose private member's bill to introduce a national lottery will be debated in the Commons on Friday predicted that up to 30 million people would play, raising £3 billion a ..... Page 5

#### Trio guilty

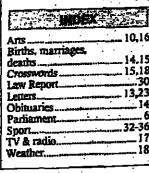
Three men were found guilty of taking part in a "silly names" dole fraud involving Queen Elizabeth of Buck House, James Bond, Andy Pandy and Count Dracula ..... Page 3

#### Yeltsin split

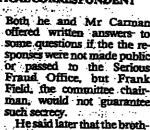
The economic disaster facing Russia's state trading sector has returned to the top of the political agenda. threatening a damaging split among President Yeltsin's supporters and even his holding of the .... Page 9 presidency.....

#### Bank fears

High street banks are changing lending policies over fears that proposed European Community leg-islation could leave them with an environmental bill running into billions. A draft EC directive means they could be liable for the clean-up costs of their industrial customers Page 19







ers' attitude was unprecedented and raised "very grave" constitutional issues. "We regard it as immerisely senous that our requests for documents or copies of documents have not been produced, and we regard it equally seriously that the questions which we put were not answered," Mr Field told reporters after the hearing. A report is likely to go before the Commons later this week and MPs will then decide whether to refer the matter to the privileges committee, which can order the Maxwell brothers to explain their actions to

Mr Field had opened yesterday's hearing - part of a general enquiry into pension funds — by assuring the Maxwells: "This is not a trial." The brothers were not on oath, but parliament took a dim view if witnesses refused to answer questions.

But Mr Carman immed-lately argued. The right to silence is constitutionally par-amount." To question Kevin Markell on matters that might be the subject of crimi-nal proceedings would be to his proceedings would be to deny him that right. David Harris, Conservative

MP for St Ives, demanded: What about the rights of pensioners? How can we go about our enquiry to protect the interests of so many people if we go along with your suggestion that they should have the right of silence?" Mr Carman countered: "It may or may not be that Mr Kevin Maxwell could actively contribute to the deliberations and recommendstions of the committee, but all that is subordinate to the inalienable right to silence." Asked if charges were immithings on criminal charges: one, that they are likely and, two, they are likely soon."



The Serious Fraud Office is engaged in a five-part investieation into Robert Maxwell's siness empire, including the pension fund money. The said last night that both brothers would be interviewed "as appropriate", but described as "pure speculation" Mr. Carman's claim that Kevin Maxwell faced imminent charges. Yesterday's hearing was monitored by the investigating team, although there was no precedent for using select committee evidence to advance a case.

Mr Jarvis told the commit tee that Ian Maxwell was willing to answer some questions subject to "certain safeguards". These included that the answers should remain confidential and that no direct reference should be made nent, he replied: "I say two to them in any report until there was no longer a risk of

prejudice to his client. -John Browne Conservative

MP for Winchester, suggest ed that the brothers could present their evidence in privare if the committee undertook not to divulge it to the Serious Fraud Office, but that idea was not supported by other committee members and after a 20-minute adjournment, Mr Field said members would continue with their questioning. "We cannot change our procedure. You must know the difficulties involved in guaranteeing the secrecy that you

But each time he tried to ask a question, the brothers referred it to their lawyers and the two QCs replied that there would be no answer.

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### Algeria extremists urge people to confront army

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS AND ALFRED HERMIDA IN ALGIERS

ALGERIAN fundamentalist leaders yesterday called on the people to fight the military after free parliamentary elections were cancelled and tanks and troops were sent on to the streets.

Western diplomats said leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front were braced for a clampdown by security forces and had moved printing equipment from their headquarters in Algiers. One diplomat said that some fundamentalist activists had been arrested, but this could not be

immediately confirmed.

The Islamic front statement said: "We call on veteran fighters, religious leaders. army officers and soldiers. sons of the martyrs, social organisations, and all who love Algeria, to take the stand

against this giant of power." It said there had been "a conspiracy to carry out crimes against Algeria and the Islamic project ... No individual can remain neutral when there is a war between the people and their religion on

the one hand and the agents

of colonisation on the other." The statement denounced what it called "despotism in the service of foreigners", and added: "We call on the people to stand ready. We appeal to the people to protect their choice and reject any moves aimed at interfering with their wishes and delaying the process of change."

The leader of the moderate democratic opposition, Hocine Ait Ahmed, said the murky manoeuvres by authorities after the resignation

Benjedid, the president, and Sunday's abrupt cancellation of the second round of elections, scheduled for Thursday, amounted to a coup.

Are we in a takeover situa-

tion? I am afraid the answer is yes, even though it has been done without apparent vioience." Mr Ahmed said. Last night the streets of Algiers were tense, with tanks and riot police stationed at key installations. Political ex-

perts doubt whether the security council, which assumed power on Sunday night, will now hold new presidential elections which according to the constitution should be held within 45 days.

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### **Tories question Labour** credibility over defence

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE government yesterday signalled its determination to play the defence card in the general election campaign by confirming that the prime minister will at the end of the ing of the United Nations



**Boutros Ghali: election** 

weapons. Tom King, the defence secretary, gave a warning that the break-up of the Soviet Union meant the risk of

lenging Labour over nuclear

nuclear war had never been greater, while John Major made clear that he would shortly region to the world stage by presiding over international efforts to stop the former Soviet Union's nuclear arms and expertise falling into the hands of Third World dictators.

Emerging from an hour of talks at No. 10 with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general. Mr Major disclosed that he had invited President Yeltsin to visit London on the eve of the special security council summit in New York. "The security area of particular importance will be the question of disarmament and non-proliferation and the very important role

link side-stepped

### **US support for Bush** slumps to new low

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

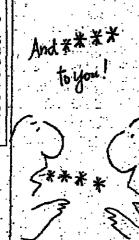
PRESIDENT Bush's opinion poll rating dropped to an all-time low yesterday. A Gallup poli for Cable News Network and USA Today gave Mr Bush 46 per cent support. down from 89 per cent just after the Gulf war. The survey was conducted before his widely derided trip to Japan last week.

The Gallup survey closely followed a New York Times poll that gave Mr Bush 48 per cent support, and made gloomy reading for the president and his team of campaign advisers. Just 24 per cent of respondents approved of his economic stewardship, 68 per cent thought he devoted too little attention to America's domestic problems, and 63 per cent believed that he favoured the rich. His support has slipped fastest in the south, a key electoral region. A separate poli yesterday

showed Patrick Buchanan, Continued on page 18, col 2

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### Curses! I could swear you were being rude



FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

THE next time that some foul-mouthed driver curses you in traffic, avoid returning the compliment and try something like: "May you become famous. They should name a disease after you." It may not have the same impact, but at least you would score for creativity, according to Reinhold Aman, America's foremost expert on cursing.

Dr Aman, who cites that Yiddish putdown as one of his favourites, offers thousands of more obscure insults in Maledicta, the International Journal of Verbal Aggression, a biennial publica-tion that finds no image too obscure nor curse too obscene to record in the name of scholarship. Should you wish to reprimand a waiter on your next trip to Thilisi, for example, "Elementary Geor-

gian Obscenity", an article in Maledicta's latest issue, suggests 'Mamajaglo!" or, "father of a dog". Dr Aman, a Bavarian with a PhD in medieval language, says Hungary is home of the most obscene and imaginative cursing of any culture he has studied in his

26 years of cursology. The Hungarian is really the tops. It combines the most hair-raising blas-phemies, obscenities and scatologies," he says. He quotes what he says is a mild example, involving God and bodily functions and adds: "The others are much worse and unprintable in a family

"I like to quote Freud when he said to his daughter Anna: The first human being who hurled a curse instead of a weapon was the founder of civilisation"," says Dr Aman, noting that foul language is by no means the preserve of

Yiddish, he says, offers the most imaginative and least obscene ways of

insulting people. "The Jews have about 2,000 years of experience, practising, being without arms. Instead of using physical aggression like other cultures. they had to fight with their words." The only trouble is that in the 1990s, the victim of your abuse may be a street away by the time you have hit the punchline of "May your bones be broken more often than the 10 commandments", or "May you inherit a shipload full of gold and it shouldn't pay for your doctors' bills". Those are favourites among the 2,000 Yiddish insults, compiled by Dr Aman, who lives in Santa Rosa, California. While Africans Continued on page 18, col 4

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# THE TIMES



'I tried a gentle practice throw, said Fatima Whitbread, who announced her retirement from competitive sport yesterday, "but my shoulder just dislocated. Deep in my heart, I knew that it was all over." Page 36

SHY STAR



Durante, rising Royal Ballet star, explains why her natural shyness will help her face her biggest dramatic challenge: Page 10

IN THE BAG



when Anya Hindmarch designs a handbag. Like other chic bags today, hers are barely big enough to hold credit cards and keys

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The company that employs 50,000 millionaires.

the UN has to play in that,"

The prime minister de-

flected questions linking the

UN chief's visit with Conser-

vative attempts to exploit de-

fence for electoral purposes.

But the clear message behind

the high profile given to the

talks with Dr Boutros Ghali

was that the Tories believe

themselves better able than

Labour to deal with the un-

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he said.

Our workforce mines millions of tons of coal every year, making us one of the biggest mining companies in the world. And in just one week last December, our workforce smashed three European productivity records, not to mention a national productivity record.

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THE ENERGY TO SUCCEED

### Select committee defeated by refusal to answer any questions

### Maxwell brothers let their lawyers do the talking

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

IAN and Kevin Maxwell hardly uttered a word at the House of Commons yesterday as their lawyers argued their right to remain silent over the millions of pounds missing from the Mirror Group pension fund.

Ordered to give evidence before the social security select committee after failing to attend last month, the brothers refused to answer any questions and left the talking to the lawyers.

It took nearly two hours, however, for George Car-man, QC, for Kevin Maxwell and John Jarvis, QC, for his brother, to convince Frank Field, committee would stonewall him at every turn. Mr Field opened the meeting, which was part of a general enquiry into pension funds, by saying that "this is not a trial". The brothers were not on oath, he said, but "parliament took a dim view if witnesses refused to answer questions".

The battle lines were al-ready drawn. Mr Carman immediately argued that Kevin Maxwell was "in peril" of criminal charges and it was a basic principle of English law that a person did not have to testify against himself. Mr Carman said he had advised his client not to answer any questions which might incriminate him.

### Defensive play takes edge off televised fixture

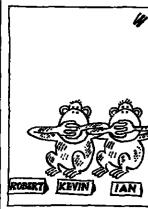
By Joe Joseph

ONCE again, one of the most famous surnames was being dragged through the mud, this time in connection with what seemed to be rape. The proceedings were to be broadcast live on television, promising the nation a chance to decide.

Was this the final shattering of the myths surrounding a charismatic family whose influence once spanned the world? Were their lawyers up to performing under the glare of television lights? Would the witnesses buckle under questioning about what was done, and when? Did they know anything of the rape sions of thousands? Was this trial by public opinion?

America had blow-byblow television coverage of the William Kennedy Smith case and the Judge Clarence Thomas enquiry. Yesterday, we had Kevin and Ian Maxwell, forced to appear before a Commons committee trying to trace millions of pounds missing from Maxwell empire pension funds.

Somehow, as television, it



White, anchoring coverage in a BBC2 studio, struggled to persuade us that the country was on the brink of a constitutional crisis if the Maxwells refused to answer the committee's questions, but somehow his passion didn't catch light. "It's the Westminster Live Special," Mr White kept

lacked razzamatazz. Vivian

World Cup Final. He even studio for Saint-and-Greavesie punditry on what was going on. Nothing, however, was going on. Kevin and Ian became tongue-tied whenever chairman, or his colleagues tossed them a question.

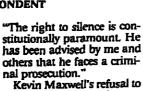
"Nothing like this has ever happened in a Commons select committee before," screamed White, sounding like a soccer commentator surveying a 23-

man punch-up.

The two barristers — George Carman, for Kevin Maxwell, and John Jarvis for Ian - decided that "trial by television should not be tolerated" and that "the right to silence is constitutionally paramount".

"Nothing like this has ever happened before," Mr White screamed frantically

as nothing happened.
Mr Field's dignity cracked only once in the face of all this nothingness. when he suggested an adjournment so the MPs could decide how to proceed. Be speedy. Mr Carman urged them, speedier than judges, at least Mr Field said that they would because, after all, "we're not paid by the hour".



answer questions did not show disrespect, he said. However, as the proceedings were being broadcast live, viewers and prospective jurors might well take a prejudiced view if Mr Maxwell either answered questions or refused to reply. "To have questions put to him upon matters which are prospec-tively... criminal matters is a denial of his right to

David Harris, Conservative MP for St Ives, was not rights of pensioners?," he uency, had a family absothe lost pension years. How can we go about out our enquiry to protect the interests of so many people in this country if we go along with your suggestion that they should have the right of

Mr Carman told the committee that Kevin Maxwell was likely to face criminal charges in the near future. 'In my judgment I say two things on criminal charges one that they are likely and two, they are likely soon."

Mr Jarvis claimed the brothers had a right to sub judice. He said the serious fraud office was investigating five areas relating to lan Maxwell's business interests, including the pension funds. However he said that Ian Maxwell was quite willing to answer questions in writing as long as there were "certain safeguards".

The safeguards we have in mind are that the answers which he gives should be kept confidential to the come and that no direct reference to his answers should be made in any report which the committee produces until such time as there is no risk of prejudice

to Mr Ian Maxwell." After several fruitless attempts to elicit a response, Mr Field ended the hearing and said the committee would consider, in private, its next move.

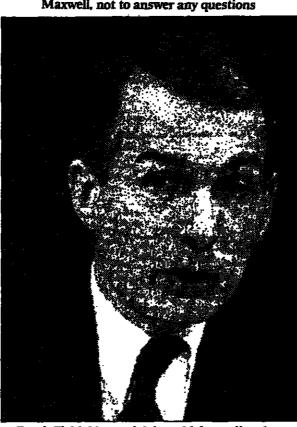
□ Costs in the Maxwell case, which could run to hundreds of thousands of pounds, are likely to be at the top end of lawyers' rates because of the complexity of the case and the leading names who have been

The brief fee in each case could be anthing from £50,000 to £100,000, with a daily refresher of £1,000 to £2,000. The junior counsel would earn half the refresher fee. Then there are firms of solicitors, charging at least

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George Carman: advised his client, Kevin Maxwell, not to answer any questions



Frank Field: Not a trial, he said, but a dim view



John Jarvis: said his client, Ian Maxwell, was willing to answer in writing 'with safeguards'

Geldof loses his

### Silence right eroded in law

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

THE right to silence, hailed by George Carman, QC, yesterday as a "constitution-ally paramount", is the lat-est example of growing friction between an ancient and basic principle of com-mon law and the powers of investigators.

Yesterday the Maxwells exercised the right on two occasions: first, in the Court of Appeal at the start of Kevin Maxwell's appeal against a ruling that he must answer questions about £450 million missing from the Mirror Group pension funds and, an hour later, when they appeared before the Commons social security select committee.

The right to silence is regarded by lawyers as a fundamental right of defendants, but in recent years it has faced erosion by legislation such as the Companies Act 1985 and the Criminal Justice Act 1987, which empower investigators to compel people to answer questions in connection with fraud enquiries.

Yesterday, Mr Carman told MPs that the right of the Maxwells not to incriminate themselves overrode any other interests in what any other interests in what had happened to the miss-ing pension funds. Earlier, Gavin Lightman, QC, had argued in the Court of Appeal, that Kevin Maxwell was not required to provide a court order under the Insolvency Act: the appeal will turn on whether the act has removed his right to remain silent in the face of that

The right to silence is regarded by lawyers and the public generally as "dating back to the Magna Carta, if not to Noah's flood", according to Jackson's Machinery of Justice. But the principle is comparatively nodem, and was only established in this century.

in the 19th century, a defendant was not allowed to give evidence on his own behalf. The right of silence grew up to protect him in case he said anything to incriminate himself when he was arrested, but was unable ever to put it right. In 1898, the Criminal Evidence Act provided for the first time the defendant with a statutory right to give

evidence on his own behalf. Brian Barker, QC, of the Criminal Bar Association, said yesterday: "The right to silence is a fundamental right which arose from a defendant not being allowed to give evidence on his own behalf. There is continual pressure to erode it, as seen in Serious Fraud Office investigations." However, there are al-

ready signs of a backlash: in a recent ruling, a man under investigation for fraud successfully chalenged the extensive powers of the Serious Fraud Office. Jonathan Caplan, QC, chairman of the public affairs committee of the Bar. said: "We do not have a general right of silence enshrined in statute and recent legislation has tended to whittle the right away.

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### Bank joins battle to buy the Mirror

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

buyout of Mirror Group sources said potential inves-Newspapers "remain on tors in the buyout were worjitters after the weekend exit from the bidding by Pearson, publisher of the Financial Times.

But the buyout team, led by Richard Stott, editor of the Daily Mirror, could face new competition. Hambros, the merchant bank, has confirmed that it is putting together a consor-tium of City institutions and media companies to buy the Maxwell family's 51 per cent stake in MGN.

Electra, the venture capi-tal firm which is organising Mr Stott's management buyout, has not yet approached any other potential investors to join it. Electra said last night that it would not itself invest more than £49 million, leaving hundreds of millions more to be raised.

Before Pearson dropped out, MGN was thought to be worth about £450 million. However, news that £840 million and might reach £1 billion, could push

PLANS for a management the asking price down. City liabilities but also that the amount of borrowing needed to finance the buyout would affect the group's future profits.

Paul Whitney, chief exec-utive of CIN Management Ltd which handles the pension funds of British Coal employees, said he would be interested in participating in the buyout only if the commercial outlook was favourable. Many venture capital companies will want assurances that they can sell their stakes four or five years down the road at considerable profit

John Sharkey, special advisor to the buyout team, said, however, that Electra had received several informal expressions of interest.
"It is only sensible to approach people when we have sensible numbers in front of us," he said. New information is expected when the MGN accounts are published in early March. "We're proceeding on course," he said.

### Minister shows his soft centre

By JOE JOSEPH

ROGER FREEMAN the transport minister, arrived at work yesterday armed with not because the ladies love Milk Tray, but because they were miffed by his suggestion that typists should make do with "cheap and cheerful"

train travel.
On Friday Mr Freeman said a privatised British Rail might provide a cheaper class of service for typists and a "more luxurious service" for civil servants and businessmen. Typists across the country took down his words

threw them back at him. He promised to apologise trite he felt. Mr Freeman even Underground's Circle Line, which gives British Rail a pretty close run as far as

delays and cancellations go. One box went to his parliamentary secretary in West-minster, delivered personally. The second went to his diary secretary. Carol Fart, who works with him at the Department of Transport's headquarters in London. The third went to the DoT's typing pool. "I regret the remark I made singling out secretar-ies and apologise for it," Mr Freeman said. Now get the man coffee and biscuits, for goodness sake.

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#### Soccer star on currency charge

Mickey Thomas, the Welsh night with distributing counterfeit currency. Thomas, aged 37, who helped Wrexham knock Arsenal out of the FA Cup on January 4, will appear before the town's nagistrates today. North Wales police said a

further, 10 people had been interviewed but none had yet been charged. Thomas is a former Welsh international whose career has included spelis at Manchester United, Evenon, Chelsea and Leeds United. He scored seven minutes from time to set his side up for a 2-1 win over the league champions in the FA Cup third round.

#### Record silver on sale again

A pair of lavishly decorated English silver tankards which broke the world record for silver in 1968 are to be sold by Sotheby's in New York in May. Then the tankards fetched £56,000. Today they are estimated at £830,000.

The 17th century tankards were owned by the Lords Brownlow at Belton, Norfolk, until the family sold them 19 years ago. Now they are the 🤣 highlights in a £14 million collection of European silver. Old Master paintings and French furniture being of-fered by Jaime Ortiz-Patino.

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#### Aid for North-West

### Labour 'to end misery'

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

stimulate essential invest-

ment, end the 'boom-bust'

LABOUR yesterday took its North-West, promising a new deal for the people who lived and worked there. The party has promised to

ment agency to end the "ecogovernment policies had inllicted on the region. John Smith, the shadow chancellor, told a press con-

set up a North-West develop-

ference at Manchester airport that the agency would have extensive powers to regenerate the regional econo-

#### Bewitched, Betrothed at Bentley's

The most exquisite betrothal rings come from Bentley & Co. who buy and sell the loveliest jewellery. Their fine selection of beautiful rings may be viewed at 65 New Bond Street, and 19 Burlington Arcade, London W1, and the Bentley Collection, an illustrated compendium of antique and period jewellery, may be obtained by telephoning 071-629 0651.

my and provide a crucial means of recovery, enabling commerce and industry, trade unions, local government and a "supportive" central government to work together. "Labour will introduce special tax incentives to

economics of the Tory years. and put Britain on course for steady and sustained eco-nomic growth," he said. Gordon Brown, shadow trade and industry secretary. said that Labour would back a North-West Technology

Trust, with universities, colleges, local authorities, research institutes and industries working together in an innovation centre, enabling even the smallest firms to benefit quickly from inven-tions. There would be a North-West export service to help hundreds of local firms which wanted to move into

the exports market. Tony Blair, shadow employment secretary, claimed that Labour's plans would eradicate "the scandal of poverry pay, by introducing a minimum wage of not less than £3.40 an hour, bringing Britain into line with "the best practice elsewhere in Europe".

□ Labour's development agency proposal received a cautious welcome from business leaders in the region yesterday (Ronald Faux

The Scottish and Welsh development agency models have long been the envy of industrial leaders in the North-West. The closest it has to such a body is Inward, a government supported agency which encourages industry to move into the region.

Tom Weatherby, its chairman, said a North-West development agency would be a useful tool to revive the economy and help the region compete for new industry but more would need to known about Labour's plans and the level of funding before giving it unqualified approval. A spokesman for the Con-

federation of British Industry

in the North-West said that

another layer of bureaucracy

would not be welcomed. Re-

generation of the region

should be through a business-

led partnership with the

training and enterprise coun-

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sions" with the constabulary. After letting oil steam in a police car on the tarmac Mr Geldof, who was returning on Sunday to Britain with his wife Paula Yares and daughter Fili Trixibelle, calmed down and, in a novel police phrase, was "de-arrested" and asked to use his influence in calming other passengers. Stansted, meanwhile, was

BOB Geldof became so agi-

tated at being held on an aircraft diverted to Stansted

airport from Heathrow that

The Live Aid organiser had

to sit on his Royal Air Maroc

727 at the Essex runaway

rather than land at Heathrow as originally planned. After at

least an hour in the 727 cabin

he began to lose his cool to

such an extent that the police

were called and he was taken

off the aircraft for "discus-

he was arrested.

counting the additional landing fees from the 36 aircraft. paying an average of £200 each to land at the one airport in the South which was basking in the sun. Once Mr Gel-dof and his fellow passengers were allowed off five hours after they had landed, the airline had to pay an extra £2 a head, a charge that is waived if they do not disembark. Stansted, which normally

cool on aircraft BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT handles 3.500 passengers on a Sunday in winter but found

itself coping with an addition-al 7,500 last Sunday alone, said that the staff coped in-credibly well with the extra demands and they were sure that a wish to avoid the additional charges had nothing to do with passengers being held for so long on board. Royal Air Maroc was not available for comment and Bob Geldof described the episode as "no big deal".

Gatwick was the worst affected airport over the weekend, with 49 flights diverted out of a total of 185 potential landings. The aircraft that could land were those equipped with computer-controlled landing systems that enable pilots to keep their hands off the controls until the aircraft is a few feet from the ground. Older aircraft such as Bob Geldof's 727 had no chance.

Of the 1,000 movements scheduled into and out of Heathrow on Sunday half were cancelled and many other flights had to be diverted to airports ranging from Manchester to Paris. By yesterday the fog had cleared and apart from the backlog of flights all was slowly getting back to normal.

### Council criticised over pension loss

BY DOUGLAS BROOM LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR councillors in Southwark, south London, have been criticised by the district auditor for losing £300,000 from the council's pension fund, which was invested in the failed News on Sunday newspaper.

In a report presented to a council committee last night. the auditor said that the investment had been made in spite of warnings by the courcil's pension advisers. He told councillors that they must put their duties as pension fund trustees above their political sympathies.

Normally, poll tax payers have to meet shortfalls in council pension funds, but the council says that it has made good the loss by profits on other investments. Tory councillors are now

calling for a ban on investments such as the council made in the paper in 1986. Nick Eriksen, Tory spokesman on finance and administration, said: "It was basically a political investment and we want to make sure that the charge-payers money is not put at risk again.

"To say they have made money on other investments is ridiculous. They would have made those profits anyway and the pension fund is still £300,000 worse off than it would have been if they had not invested in News on

The auditor has decided to take no action beyond warn-ing councillors to take notice of professional investment advice and to "weigh carefully the respective merits of different investment opportunities." He stepped in after Nicholas Roskill, a retired merchant banker from Camberwell Green, made a formal complaint about the

Mr Roskill said yesterday that investment advice had been ignored by councillors. "Southwark was no Maxwell, and no fraud was detected in this instance, but urgent action by way of legislation is needed to prevent such palpable abuse of pension fund assets in the future."

A council spokeswoman said: "Our advisers did not actually advise against the investment. They said only that it was marginal. In that year, although we lost on that particular investment, we increased the value of our fund by 26.7 per cent, the best performance of all 91 local

authority pension funds:"

#### Steel pledge

Union leaders representing the 500 workers at the Dalzell steel plate mill said last night that they were prepared to fight to the end to save their own plant in the wake of the audden closure by British Steel of the nearby Ravenscraig complex. They fear their jobs could be the next to go as British Steel continues its withdrawal from Scotland to concentrate steel production in Wales and on Teesside.

Mann rallies Jack Mann, the British former hostage in Beirut, was "poorly but safe" last night at a British military hospital in Cyprus where he is suffering from pneumonia. His wife, Sunnie, was at his side. Mr Mann had "slightly improved" since Sunday when he was taken by helicopter from his home in Nicosia to

the Princess Mary hospital at

Akrotini 60 miles away, a

British bases spokesman said.

Palace alert

The Changing of the Guard was postponed for more than four hours yesterday after an alert about a possible IRA attack. Police closed and searched the area around the Mall and Buckingham Palace after being informed of a suspect package. They found nothing. The guard was changed without music or ceremony at about 4pm. No members of the royal family

Buck House, James Bond,

andy Pandy and Count

swift London, was told how

the false names were used on

pay sheets for casual workers.

so that they could earn cash

in hand by working incognito

for magazine distribution

companies while still claim-

ing unemployment pay. The court was told that some of

the casual workers, who received the backing of their employers, would even be

dropped off at social security

The case was the 46th suc-

cessful prosecution in the past

year against employers col-

luding in unemployment

benefit fraud, although there have been 3,450 prosecutions against individuals over the

same period. More than £43

mation has been saved from

these cases and from

Riot five

found

guilty

der during riots which began

ailer an Asian shopkeeper

won a court injunction to stop

The jury heard that bricks

break up gangs which had gathered in the streets. There

were cries of "kill the pigs" and "fight them", after five

offices in company vans.

uthwark crown court,

FIVE men were yesterday found guilty of violent disora neighbouring shop compet-

ing by selling bread and milk.

The five played a prominent part in the late night riots on Cardiff's Ely housing estate, the court was told. A mob of more than 200 was and bottles were thrown or police who were also punched and kicked as they tried to

> officers turned up in a van to disperse the crowds. Leighton Davies, for the defendants were five amongst many. But these five defendants were seen, were recognised and in many ways played a prominent part in what was going on. The court was told that a crowd threw bricks and bottles at the shop, owned by Abdul

> > Lee Newbury, 23, Anthony Beattle, 22, Paul Gonzales, 24, Martin Thomas, 19, and Wayne Murphy, 17, who all denied the charges, were re-manded in custody for social inquiry reports before being sentenced. Newbury was also found guilty of assaulting a

Midlands is being investi-

gated by the Forestry

A mystery condition,

known as dieback, is killing

trees between 40 and 200

years old. The commission

has been unable to find a

common cause for the attack

on the oak, which is one of

Britain's most common

The majority of cases have

been found in Nottingham-

Thire, Northamptonshire,

Lincolnshire and Leicester-

shire but oaks have been

affected in Devon, Kent,

Gloucestershire and as far

Brian Greig, a member of the Forestry Commission's

pathology branch at Farn-

ham. Surrey, said that hun-

dreds rather than thousands

of oaks were suffering from

dieback, which causes trees

to lose their foliage and

branches, but the condition

of the national heritage and

that is why we are taking it

want people to be alarmed

into thinking it is going the

same way as Dutch elm dis-

ease, but we are investigat-

ing an unknown situation."

condition could not be

Mr Greig said that the

very seriously. We do not

The English oak is part

was causing concern.

broadleaved species.

north as Cheshire.

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL THREE men were found 335,000 investigations by guilty yesterday of taking part in a "silly names" dole fraud which resulted in the withinvolving Queen Elizabeth of drawal of 65,000 benefit

Firm allowed casual

staff to use false

names in dole fraud

An employment depart-ment spokesman said after the case. "The vast majority of claims are honest and genu-ine, but there are a significant number of people drawing unemployment benefit while continuing to work. Employment inspectors are becommy increasingly effective in investigating cases involving employers who deliberately collude with employees to defraud the benefit system."

When inspectors working on the silly names case raided company offices, they found records showing that work had been carried out by, among others, John O. Groats, Mr Bumble, Miss Muffett, Rob Roy and Ronald McDonald. Other names were Tom E. Gunn, of Artillery Lane, and Count Dracula, of Coffin Lane.

Donald Forster, aged 54, of Saltdean, near Brighton, was found guilty of four charges of furnishing false information and four counts of obtaining property by deception. Robert Longworth, aged 40, of Earl's Court, west London, was found guilty of two counts of furnishing false information. and John Johanik, aged 29, of Hackney, east London, was found guilty of two charges of furnishing false information and cleared of one charge. The offences took place from

Nine others have pleaded guilty to their part in the fraud and all 12 defendants. will be sentenced on Feb 10,

The court heard that two distributions companies were involved in the crooked scheme, Target Distribution Ltd., from Chingiani, east London, and Direct Delivery

235,000 investigations by Systems, from Hove, East employment in pectors Sussex. Forsier was the sales manager for Target and later moved to Direct Delivery Sys-Longworth worked as drivers and deliverers for both com-

Edward Lewis, for the prosecution, said that Forster helped to perfect the system of using casual labour, knowing that the workers were also claiming unemployment benefit. "He was aware of the practice, permitted it, and encouraged it."

people seeking work with "no questions asked" would queue each morning for the delivery vans to collect them from pick-up points in Earl's Court. Workers would be taken to affluent areas of London to deliver glossy magazines and advertising pamphlets through letter boxes.

The workers would be paid £20 each at the end of a delivery session. The only requirement made of them was that they fill in a pay sheet to act as a receipt of their wages. Most workers were also claiming dole money and therefore did not want to use their own names, the court was told.

The investigation was launched when people claimnoticed being dropped off at a dole office in two Ford transit vans bearing similar registra-tion numbers. Mr Lewis said: "So widespread was the fraud that drivers and runners would be taken to the unemployment benefit office to sign on." Inspectors demanded to see company pay sheets and it was then that the

names were uncovered. The jury was discharged by the judge from giving verdicts





Schools of music: John Lennon, left, and Duke Ellington, could be joining Bach and Beethoven

### Schools may soon teach jazz and pop

LENNON and McCartney, Fats Waller and Duke Ellington will join Bach and Beetposers in compulsory national curriculum music lessons under proposals made by the government's advisers

David Pascall, chairman of the National Curriculum Council, said that he accepted the dangers of publishing lists of composers and artists alongside legally required les-sons, but felt that different schools of music and art should be recognised as essential fearning, which should lay emphasis on Brit-

ish and Western culture. The examples were given only as guidance to teachers and did not rule out lessons in ethnic music, such as African drains, which were recoming party. The changes in music proposals were matched by those in compul-sory art, which also emphasThe Beatles should be part of the national curriculum for music, government advisers say. David Tytler looks at plans for art, music and physical education

ised the Western tradition, with Henry Moore, Leonardo da Vinci, Stubbs and L.S. Lowry among recommended

Mr Pascall was announcing the council's final proposals in the last three national curriculum subjects, of music, art and physical edu-cation. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, will now decide whether to accept the proposals for introduction in schools this September.

The council's recommendations make significant changes to the original proposals for art and music and have ignored the preferences of about half of those teachers and educationists who were asked for their views. Art and music will be compulsory only

for pupils aged five to 14, but senior classes will be expected to be offered some lessons in music or art or a mixture of

Criticising the original proposals, the council said that many of the recommendations were difficult to understand and used too much jargon. The new proposals were easy to understand, simpler to manage, particularly for primary school teachers, and would ensure that all pupils had a basic grounding in art and music.

The achievements of pupils all three subjects will be sessed by teachers, and not by national tests as in the core subjects of mathematics,

English and science. The original working party proposals for physical educa-tion, which will be computsory from five years to 18. have largely been accepted by the council, although 14year-old boys will no longer be forced to take dancing lessons as part of compulsory physical education classes. Dance will be one of five options from which children will have to choose four at

secondary school. Games, however, will be compulsory. All children will be expected to be able to swim by the time they are aged 11. Mr Pascall said that the council would not set a time limit, but that he expected the govern-ment to introduce compulsory swimming lessons as soon as possible.

### **Football** disaster charge dropped

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

NO DISCIPLINARY or criminal charges will be brought against any of the South Yorkshire policemen involved in the 1989 Hillsborough football disaster. The Police Complaints Authority said yesterday that the last outstanding discipline charge had been dropped.

Superintendent Bernard

Murray, of South Yorkshire police, faced a charge of neglect of duty as a result of the disaster, at the FA Cup semifinal between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest on April 15. Ninety five people died after police allowed thousands of fans gathering before the kick-off to pour into

the ground at Sheffield. Originally Mr Murray, second in command in the con-trol room, faced the discipline charge with Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield, who was in charge at the

The authority said yester day that the situation had changed since Mr Ducken-field was allowed to retire on grounds of ill health last November. It said it had withdrawn the charge against Mr Murray because "it would be unjust and inappropriate to pursue the charge against the superintendent alone in the absence of his superior

Trevor Hicks, chairman of Hillsborough Family Sup-port Group and father of two teenage daughters who died in the disaster, said: "The final result of everything is that no police officer has lost a day's pay and Mr Ducken-field has gone off with a £25,000-a-year pension. It's

all a farce. Richard Wells, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, said that he had never been convinced that a disciplinary tribunal was appropriate and he was relieved the force's argument about natural ius tice had been accepted by the

THERE

IS ONLY ONE

SALE.

### Mother's murder was preventable

killing of a mother in front of her two young children by a man with a long history of mental illness was foreseeable and preventable, an Old Bai-

ley judge said yesterday. Judge Laughland, QC, said that he would send the papers on the case to the home secretary and the health minister so they could consider whether the law and resources were adequate to prevent a repetition of the tragedy.

Grace Quigley was killed at her home in Stamford Hill, north London, by Kevin Rooney, aged 28, who had discharged himself from hospital two days before the attack last May.

Timothy Langdale, for the prosecution, said Rooney's long relationship with Mrs Quigley had cooled when she

complex factors, including

climate and soil conditions

and water stress caused by

drought could have weak-

ened trees and made them

more prone to secondary or-

Oaks struck by

mystery killer

By CRAIG SETON

AN INCREASE in deaths been detected. There are

of oak trees in the South and theories that a number of

He was arrested on May 3 after threatening another woman and was treated in hospital for schizophrenia. But he discharged himself without telling anyone on May 9.

Two days later, after drinking at a pub and wearing an Arab headdress, he let hi self into Mrs Quigley's flat. She took her daughters, aged five and six, to a neighbour's home but Rooney, brandishing a knife, followed them. As the children and neighbours watched, he stabbed Mrs Quigley more than 20 times. The court accepted Roo-

ney's plea of not guilty to murder and admission of manslaughter. The judge ordered that Rooney, of Hackney, east London, be detained at Rampton hospital indefinitely.

### What the changes mean

performing, composing and appraising have been reduced to two: performing and composing, knowledge and understanding. Teachers would decide the time given to each requirement. Throughout their school

career pupils would be expected to work individually or in groups, use computers to create and record music, study European classical music from its earliest roots to the present day, and learn about music from the coun-

Details of the proposals tries and regions of Britain and a variety of Western and

The composers suggested for study include Lennon and McCartney, Fats Waller and Duke Ellington, Bach, Beethoven, Schubert, Stravinsky. Britten and Tippett. Art: the three original areas

of study, understanding, making and investigating, have been cut to two: investigating and making, and knowledge and understanding.

All pupils should undertake a balanced programme of art. craft and design, work individually or in groups, use work in two or three dimensions. Recommended artists include, L.S. Lowty, Leonal do da Vinci, Rousseau. Stubbs and Elizabeth Frink.

Physical education: Children should be able to swim by the time they are II and take part in five other activities: athletics, dance, games, gymnastics and outdoor and adventurous activities. Swimming would be dropped as a separate subject at 11. On entering secondary school, four of the five activities should be chosen, and at 14. any two. Games would be compulsory up to 14.

A JUDGE yesterday praised the "tact and skill" of senior

police negotiators who

brought a house siege in Has-

tings, East Sussex, to a peace-

Judge Lovegrove made his remarks while sentencing

Richard Eastwood, aged 37.

of Dartford, Kent, to six years

in prison for holding two

children as hostages for 16

hours, armed with a replica

pistol. He told Lewes Crown

Court that police surround-

ing the house where

Eastwood later admitted un-

lawfully imprisoning Rhett

Bartlett, aged 12, and Joseph

Elworthy, aged 15, in Sep-tember 1990 had been justi-

fied in believing that his

He added: "If something

goes wrong in one of these

sieges and someone is hurt

those tempted to criticise the

police would do well to bear in

mind ... there might be

much tension and the need to

make rapid decisions to avoid

terrible consequences to inno-

Eastwood also admitted

unlawfully imprisoning and

assaulting Rhett's mother Jan

The family of Ian Bennett.

shot dead by a police marks-

man during a siege, refused

to allow officers to attend his

funeral yesterday. Bennett,

aged 34, died on January 1 at

his flat in Rastrick. A wreath

from West Yorkshire police

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Bartlett.

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### Earnings analysis

### Five million are underpaid

By LIN JENKINS

MORE than five million people in full-time employment earn less than the Low Pay Unit threshold, according to an analysis of government statistics published today.

than in the previous year

when 9.65 million earned less

than the threshold, although

the unit says that a quarter of

that reduction is due to the

fall in the number of people

working. Women made up

68 per cent of those below the

threshold, and those working

full time earned on average

rope's decency threshold as

another definition of low pay.

The unit found that 9.18 ganisms. Insects could also million people, including part-time employees, last year be responsible. Afflicted trees generally decline and die over two or earned less than the threshthree years. Their foliage beold, which is set at two-thirds comes pale and sparse and of the average (median) male earnings —£185.00 a week or there is a gradual dieback of fine twigs, spreading to larg-£4.92 an hour on the basis of er branches, giving oaks a a 37.6 hour working week. skeleral appearance. The numbers are lower

Members of the Country Landowners Association have been asked to report signs of dieback to the commission, whose researchers are monitoring the condition of trees found to be suffering at a number of

Mr Greig said that one of the areas worst affected was in a country park area of Sherwood forest. Nottinghamshire, where more than 100 trees were affected. The Wyre Forest, west of the Birmingham, was also seri-

ously affected. A study of growth patterns of affected trees suggests that the condition could have started in about 1985 or 1986. Mr Greig said: "It may be a unique combination of factors that occurred in the mid 1980s and is described as a disease as no working its way through." bacteria, virus or fungus had

tials being larger now than at any time in the last century." The analysis was carried out on figures published in

the employment department's New Earnings Survey 1991, which are based on a 1 per cent sample of those in employment. The figures do not include the self-employed.

Part-timers

praised by judge

The report also says that

the number of employees

earning below the decency

threshold has risen by 28.5

per cent since 1979 to more

than 10 million, about 46 per

Chris Pond, director of the

Low Pay Unit, said the most

significant finding was that

wage inflation was not evi-

dent among those most sub-

ject to wage controls, but

among those at the top of the

scale. "The gap between the

10 per cent lowest paid and

the 10 per cent highest paid is

increasing, with the differen-

cent of all employees.

men and women.

million people, of whom 5.72 million were working full time and 6.45 million were women, were paid below the threshold. The council's definition is 68 per cent of average (mean) earnings of both

about 70 per cent of men's Although there has been steady improvement from 1979, when women's pay was about 63.6 per cent of men's pay, the unit reckons that at the present rate it will be 55 years before equal pay is achieved. Much of the discrepancy is caused "by unequal access to shift and bonus payments, occupational segregation and pure discrimination", the report says. Using the Council of Eu-

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# Interest rate dispute delays home rescue deals



Bolean any deal must create affordable rents

The government's mortgage rescue package is being held up by negotiations between lenders and housing associations. The main sticking point is the rate of interest that building societies will charge the associations for loans to buy properties from borrowers who are in

The interest rate is likely to be set between 5 per cent and 8 per cent. Mark Boleat, director-general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders said. The rate of interest is critical. It must translate into a rent that can be afforded." Jim Coulter, director of the National Federation of While lenders and housing associations haggle, borrowers are still facing repossession, Rachel Kelly reports

Housing Associations, said: "We have to demonstrate that we can deliver - but only on the right terms. Associations are here to help, but not at any price."

Sir George Young, housing minister, advised the associations to adopt a tough negotiating posture with the mortgage lenders and to refuse deals which put their reserves

Mr Boleat said that other problems involved smaller building societies who might have comparatively few cases which would qualify for the schemes; cases where the value of the mortgage was greater than that of the property;

Whatever package is agreed, it will be too late for a couple from Hull, whose repossession problems

and agreement on valuations.

were highlighted by The Times in December. They will soon have to leave their 40,000 terrace house after losing the struggle to keep their business afloat.

The Bradford & Bingley building society told them on Christmas eve that it would take them to court for the £1,600 they owed in mortgage arrears, days after the building society announced a £60 million rescue scheme.

"We are not that far advanced with our package," Jim Curran, of the Bradford & Bingley, said. "We are very much investigating options at the moment, but I can't say that,

ning last year, [the couple] would have benefited. Every case is examined on its merits."

Another family whose fate was highlighted by The Times are still in the house in Puckeridge, Hertfordshire, from which they were threatened with eviction by National Home Loans in December.

The family telephoned the lenders when the government's package was first announced, and are waiting to hear what deal can be

Model homes, page 11

### Tories plan council tax **sweeteners**

BY DOUGLAS BROOM

day that the bill setting up the

council tax, which begins its

committee stage in the Lords

next week, was "not the final

They made clear that min-

isters had deliberately avoid-

ed difficult details to ensure

that legislation setting up the

new tax could reach the stat-

ute book before the election.

It is expected to become law

Under the bill, homes will

be put in one of eight tax bands based on their market

value at 1 April 1991. Work

on allocating 21 million homes in England and Wales

to tax bands began last

said that there will be no need

for regular revaluation, their

officials admit privately that

they fear a rush of appeals

when bandings are ann-

ounced in the autumn, if the

Conservatives win the general

election. Labour is committed

Although ministers have

early in March.

word on the council tax".

MINISTERS are planning changes to the new council tax to head off the threat of a renewed revolt by Tory back-benchers from the South of England in the run-up to the

Civil servants have drawn up plans to revalue homes at three-yearly intervals and to increase central grants to councils in London and the South East to keep down council tax bills.

The opposition claims, that the government has a "secret agenda". David Blunkeit. Labour's local government spokesman, yesterday accused ministers of attempting to bypass Parliament:

Conservative MPs representing London and the home counties are worried that high property prices in the south will lead to their constituents paying higher council tax bills than people in similar properties else-where in Britain.

They staged a Commons ambush that embarrassed Michael Heseltine, the envi ronment secretary, when the council tax bill was intro-duced in the Commons. Since then they have lobbied for a special deal for the south.

To keep his options open-Mr Heseltine has also delaved the announcement of transitional arrangements to help those who will lose from the change from the community charge to the new tax on April 1 next year. Semior

### English law is one of slowest in Europe

By Frances GIBB

ENGLAND and Wales have one of the slowest legal systems in Europe, after Italy and Ireland, according to a study published today. Civil cases take 2.5 years on average, it says. Scotland does better, with cases taking an average 18 months.

The study has found huge inconsistencies in the way justice is dispensed throughout Europe, both in the time civil legal proceedings take and in the size of awards made.

Litigation can take up to five years in Italy, ten times longer than the six months of Greece or Germany. ...

Compensation is no greater for those who wait. A sample of personal injury cases shows that the average compensa-tion was £420,000 in Germany and £300,000 in Haly. In England and Wales, the average was £360,000, one of the highest figures, after Germany, Ireland and France.

The study, Civil Procedures in EC Countries, was made by David McIntosh and Marjorie Holmes, of the London law firm Davies Arnoid Cooper. "The EC's lawmakers have failed to grapple with this fundamental difficulty which prevents consumers from benefiting equally under its laws." Mr

McIntosh, says. The study also highlighted huge variations in the percentage of legal claims settled out of court. England and Wales top the table with 95 per cent of civil disputes dealt with in this way. Scotland and Ireland had 90 per cent. In Germany the figure is 25 per cent and in Portugal and Belgium only 10 per cent.

The authors call for a federal civil code which "discards the worst but incorporates the best" of the various legal systems.

Law Times, pages 27 and 29 Law report, page 30.

### 30 million expected to gamble in aid of arts and sport

### MP says lottery will make £3bn a year

BY SIMON TAIT ARTS CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 30 million people would play a national lottery, producing £3 billion a year. Ivan Lawrence, the Conservative MP whose private member's bill to introduce one will be debated in the Commons

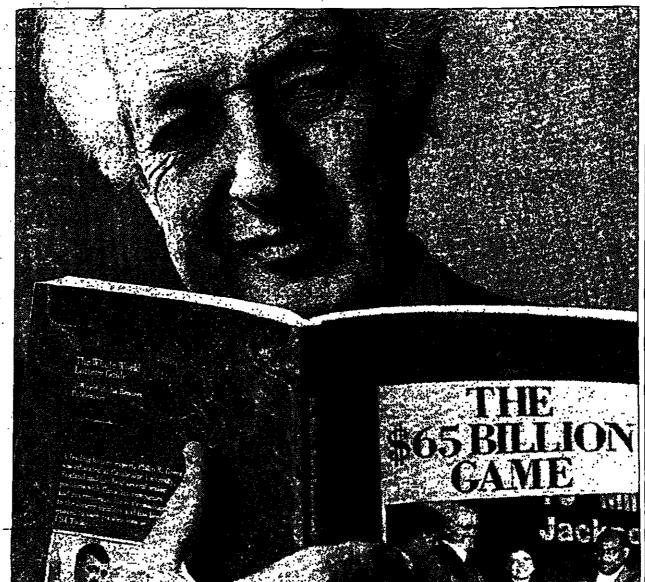
on Friday, said yesterday. Of that, £1 billion would go on prizes, £1 billion on administration and £1 billion would be divided among sport, the arts and the heritage environment. The health service would also benefit, he said, because young people prone to boredom would be introduced to an appreciation of music and literature which would divert them from physically harmful pursuits.

There will be a quality of life in this country even higher than we enjoy at the moment," he said at a press conference to announce the bill. He was supported by the former England footballer Trevor Brooking, who is also a member of the Sports Council, and Anthony Everitt, secretary-general of the Arts.

to scrapping the council tax and introducing fair rates. To seed the peed to move every home into a new tax band every three years, offici-als have proposed that band-Mr Lawrence's bill has its second reading as an enabling measure, clearing the ing should continue to be way for the introduction of a ased on the notional market lottery, possibly by January 1993. The matter has bevalue of a property at April 1 For example, homeowners come urgent," he said "for by 1993 we will not be able to along the route of a new motorway would have their stop European lotteries floodproperties revalued as if the ing into this country and I road had been built in April think it is better that British money should be used for 1991. By using 1991 prices the same eight bands will British heritage, British thecontinue to be used and prop atres and British sports stadiums than for foreign ones." erties which rise or fall sharp-

ly in value will simply move through the existing structure This is the second time a lottery has been the subject of a private member's bill in two while most homes will be unaffected. years. Ken Hargreaves's at-tempt in 1990 foundered Sir Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent North because the government reand a leading advocate of regional banding for London, fused to support it. Now several Cabinet ministers said: "Without some action including, it is said, the prime people in London will feel a minister - and MPs from real sense of injustice. There is a need for ministers to set both sides support the idea.

The chief opponents are the football pools companies. out what they plan to do which introduced the Founbefore the election." Mr Blunkett said the Oppodation for Sport and the Arts this year as a rival to the sition had been surprised at lottery, and charities that the lack of government amendments to the bill as it believe they will suffer because money would go inpassed through the Commons. "It is now clear why stead to the lottery. Mr Lawrence said that 10 per cent of the £1 billion to be distributed they appeared not to care if it went onto the statute book full would be reserved for smaller of technical faults. The irony charities, and that surveys is that they will not get the chance to implement their had shown that lottery funds secret plans because they will would be new money and not get re-elected." would not affect donations.



Power of persuasion: Denis Vaughan, who has focused political attention on the idea of a state lottery

### Conductor of a constant campaign

DENIS Vaughan has made a nuisance of himself in Westminster, Whitehall and Fleet Street. But it is his constant lobbying in a five-year campaign that has brought the idea of a national lottery so close to reality, with the two major parties considering including it in their manifestos

(Simon Tait writes). He has won the support of public figures such as Lord Birkett, who said: "The trouble with working in the way Denis does — pushing reams of faxes and reports through to people - is you get stamped as a freak, a monomaniac, an obsessionist. But without him the lottery would not be in public conscious-

ness as it now is." There will be much praise if the lottery raises £3 billion a year as Mr Vaughan predicts it could within three years, by offering up to £10 million a week in prizes. More importantly, it will provide a funding bedrock for sport, the arts, and the environment,

with capital and endowment In 1990 he and Lord

Denis Vaughan, who was born in Australia, is 65 and a freelance conductor and recording artist. His devotion to the lottery idea was prompted by his dream of establishing an equivalent to New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in

London. He was working in Sydney in the late 1960s when the Sydney Opera House was built with lottery money. "Having seen that, I was in no doubt as to how we would have to get the money for the London centre. It was just a matter of persuading the powers that be," he said.

The potential of the lottery has outstripped the idea of an arts centre, however. "Some of the public like sports, some like the arts, but the two can be mutually exclusive. Everybody is in favour of the environment."

the Loner Promotion Company, designed to push through a non-profit making, privatelyrun lottery. Mr Vaughan is executive director and has been Ivan Lawrence's chief adviser in the campaign to get the MP's bill to its second reading debate. The break-

through came when Mrs

resigned as prime minister. Mr Vaughan's message is lottery they will put their money into European ones. "Many people are trying to get their foot in the lottery door, but ours is the only scheme that is truly non-profit making with a specific aim. We have to make sure that our scheme, or one based on it, is the one which prevails."

#### Family TV until 10pm urged after rape scene

Mary Whitehouse, the co-Viewers' and Listeners' Association, yesterday accused the BBC of "arrogant cynicism" in showing a disturbing and explicit rape sequence immediately after the 9pm water-shed for adult viewing. Mrs Whitehouse said that

Melvyn Bragg's adaptation of the novel A Time to Dance insulted viewers' intelligence by the amount of explicit sex it contained. The association is now calling for family view-

ing to be extended to 10pm. The BBC said that the 50 telephone calls received, mainly complaints about the rape scene, were not an exceptionally large number. The programme was "a serious piece of drama".

#### £100,000 for baby error

Linda Allen, whose unwanted daughter Faye, now five, was born because of a hospital error, won £96,697 damages in the High Court to cover costs of raising her, lost earnings and childbirth pain. Mrs Allen, a divorcee, aged 42, of Chessington, Surrey. already had two children. aged 18 and 16, when sterilised in 1985 at the Elizabeth

Garrett Anderson Hospital for Women, northwest Lon-don, which failed to detect her four-week-old pregnancy.

#### Driver jailed

A computer consultant who had drunk six pints of beer when he lost control of his Porsche while overtaking on the inside and caused an accident in which a motorcyclist lost a leg has been jailed for 15 months. Mark Steel, aged 25, of Cox Green, driving and drink driving.

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#### Missing hour

Richard Lyddon, a Somerset nurse murdered at Reading station on Friday, had been in the town for at least an hour. police said. Det Supt Mick Cox said Mr Lyddon might have gone to the town centre. There was evidence that his killer was wounded.

#### Father accused

Richard Yates, aged 32. of no fixed address, was remanded in custody accused of killing his daughter, Nicola, aged 10, whose body was found in a country park at Swindon. Wiltshire on Sunday.

#### Prison party

Britain's first private jail, the Wolds remand centre at Everthorpe, Humberside, plans to hold a charity fancy dress party with a prison clothes theme before it opens. The Prison Reform Trust said the idea was insensitive.

SIMPLY A MORE

### Library's £450m move to St Pancras is shelved

PROBLEMS with movable shelving that have dogged plans to shift the British Library's books to its new £450 million St Pancras building are likely to delay its opening.

New problems have arisen with paint used on the first of the 186 miles of shelf cases. Lawyers are being consulted on who is responsible.

The move of the first 10 million books, the most used in the collection of 18 million, should have begun last July, but has been put back until at least February 1993.

The £8.5 million shelves were commissioned from Bruynzeel, a Dutch company, and this is the third postponement of the operation. The library was scheduled to be ready to welcome. readers in the spring of

A library spokesman said: "The problems are going to take more time to correct than we thought.

"We don't know what this is going to mean to the opening of the new reading room m St Paneras, but , all parties involved in the there is inevitably going to

Problems with paint are the latest to hit the British Library's move to a new London site. Simon Tait reports



be a knock-on effect on the provisional timescale that we have. It is impossible to say now when the book moves will end."

Laboratory testing of paint on the 8ft-high steel shelves has shown that it may be insufficiently rustproof, and the whole installation is likely to have to be repainted.

The first fault in the mechanical moving system was found last May when it began to joht and shudder, spilling books on to the floor. Then, shelves were found to

stick altogether. The spokesman said that scheme — the library, the

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Office of Arts and Libraries, the Property Services Agency, which commissioned the shelves, and Bruynzeel were considering the legal position and how to proceed.

"We may be able to shift the most essential reference material in time for a spring opening, transporting other books by van from their stores, but the preparation of all the other reader facilities might be affected," the spokesman said.

Some shelf cases have been installed in the deepest. basement of the four subterranean levels, 82ft below the surface, and eventually there are to be 186 miles of them. The library is still in dis-

pute with library assistants over pay and grading. The two sides are having talks with the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service. These are expected to continue for at least another

### 'Green the city' grants launched

By JOHN YOUNG

CASH incentives are to be introduced to encourage the creation of new woodlands on the edges of towns and cities. The payment of £950 a hectare (about £375 an acre) was announced yesterday by Baroness Trumpington, minister responsible for forestry in England. She said that the government supported the steady expansion of tree cover and wanted new woodlands established in urban fringes throughout Britain. The payments, available from next month, would help to improve derelict landscapes. provide new habitats for wildlife and offer more opportunities for peaceful recreation.

"The deterioration of urban fringe landscapes is one of the major reasons why the Forestry Commission and the Countryside Commission launched the community forests initiative," she added.

A condition of the new grant to landowners will be the provision of public access on foot with car parking close at hand. The woodlands must be within five miles of the edge of a town or city.



Acuheaith is also available at Harrods, John Bell and Croyden, Porter Nash, larger branches of Boots and other Pharmacies.

# Labour to derail privatisation plan

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR will tell British Rail today that if there is a change of government it would be expected to abandon work on privatising any part of the

In an unusual move, the Labour party is writing to Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman. setting out the policy objectives a Labour government would expect him to follow. It will also list a series of allegedly threatened services that Labour would insist BR should continue to run, and name some services withdrawn from the latest timetables that should be reinstated.

John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, has decided to act in the wake of a spate of reports suggesting disagreement within the cabinet over the rival options for putting BR into the private

pectation among MPs that the final plan will involve the outright sale of InterCity with its own track, an option Labour will portray as as fulfilling the government's long-held desire to strip the railways

while it would immediately start talks with BR about finances, there are certain priorities that it would expect the management to adhere to from the first day of a Labour government. These would include abandoning any privatisation work already started and scrapping work on the studies being conducted in preparation for privatisation. It will set out its plans for modernisation and investment, arguing that privatisation would mean further cuts

Differing options for split-

home secretary, Sir Patrick

Mayhew, the Attorney-gener-

al. Malcolm Rifkind, the

transport secretary, and Ar-

chie Hamilton, the armed

forces minister, as having

once supported the principles

of their campaign. Mr Baker,

it said, was one of seven MPs

who sponsored a bill similar

to Mr Kirkwood's in 1979. It

quoted Sir Patrick as saying

in 1979 that he hoped a

public right of access to offi-

cial information would prove

practicable. Mr Lamont, it

said, was once vice-chairman

of a body called the all-party

parliamentary committee for

Mr Shepherd said yester-

majority of Conservative

day that he thought there was

MPs who would support free-

dom of information legisla-

tion. The Labour leadership

has given a commitment to

introduce freedom of infor-

mation legislation early in a

It is clearly an area on

and Labour could find speedy

agreement in any post-elec-

tion talks. Some Tory MPs

believe the government will

be anxious not to close the

door completely for that

Information which could

be revealed if the bill became

law would include results of

tests showing the effective-

ness of brakes and exhaust

pollution controls, results of

safety tests on medicines and

the findings of fire inspec-

Maurice Frankel, the cam-

paign director, said: "The

nome secretary, Attorney-

general and Chancellor are

the cabinet ministers most

closely responsible for any de-

cision on freedom of informa-

tion legislation. The current

ministers all previously de-

clared their support for such

legislation. Now they are in a

position to do so, we are

entitled to ask them to act on

their principles and support the bill."

tions at rail stations.

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### **Secrecy campaigners** challenge ministers

By PHILIP WEBSTER

FREEDOM of information legislation could emerge as a key bargaining card in interparty negotiations in a hung Parliament, after the latest campaign for a bill was launched at Westminster.

The Freedom of Information Campaign yesterday published the names of senior cabinet ministers who supported its cause before taking office, as the Liberal Democrat MP Archy Kirkwood presented his bill, which will come before the Commons on

The last bill, introduced by Richard Shepherd, Tory MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, was



Kirkwood: seeking new law on information

killed off after Margaret Thatcher, then prime minister, ordered an unprecedented whipping campaign against it.

Time constraints mean that Mr Kirkwood's bill has no chance of reaching the statute books, but MPs will be watching closely for any softening in the government's attitude. There is support for a bill among Tory MPs and ministers. Mr Kirkwood's bill would create a public right of access to records of government departments and public authorities. Information harmful to interests such as defence, law enforcement or privacy would not be disclosed.

The information campaign named Kenneth Baker, the down to a profitable core. Labour will make plain that

ting up BR will be considered by a ministerial meeting shortly, although Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, yesterday emphatically denied a cabinet split. He also denied reports that putting the network into private hands would mean shutting dozens of lines.
It is clear, however, that the

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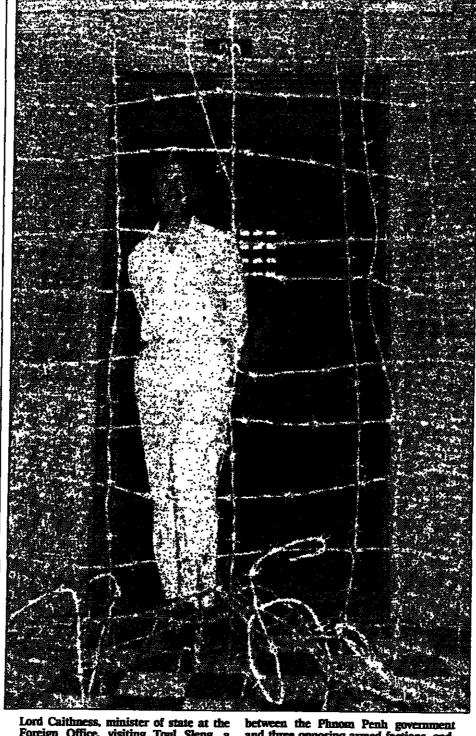
cabinet is some way from reaching a consensus over how the sale should proceed. Mr Rifkind admitted that the white paper, which has already been delayed, would take "a little while longer", although it would come before the general election. Interviewed on BBC Radio

4's Today programme Mr Rifkind said he wanted to see thorough consideration given to the complex plans, adding that ten blue chip companies wanted to offer passenger and freight services for the public and industry. "We are involved in a very major set of proposals that are going to revolutionise our railways,"

The government was looking at the various options on passenger services for inclusion in the white paper. There are no divisions in the cabinet. What is happening is that cabinet government is working properly." Mr Rifkind said.

Mr Prescott said the gov ernment should drop its privarisation plans and get on with making the railways work by freeing BR's finan-cial restraints. "It is just a complete mess. They don't know what direction they are going in," he said. "People don't care a damn who owns British Rail, they just want a clean, efficient, reliable system of good quality."

☐ Roger Freeman, the public transport minister, again apologised yesterday for suggesting that a privatised Brit-ish Rail would lay on cheap and cheerful trains for typists. **During Commons exchanges** in which he was taunted over his words on television, he told MPs that he had spoken "very injudiciously" while try-ing to illustrate a simple



Foreign Office, visiting Toul Sleng, a school used by the Khmer Rouge as a torture and interrogation centre. Lord Caithness, the first British minister to visit Cambodia for more than 20 years, yesterday announced a doubling of aid. The minister said the horrors of the Khmer Rouge rule must never be allowed to return to Cambodia. Up to 16,000 people passed through Toul Sleng, now called a "genocide museum". Two Britons were tortured and killed there after bogus confessions that they were KGB and CIA

Last year a UN-brokered peace accord

and three opposing armed factions, end-ed decades of civil war. Britain is to provide an extra \$10 million (£5.5 million) to build a bridge linking Thailand and Cambodia to facilitate repatriation of 350,000 refugees along the Thai border, in addition to £5.5 million promised when Lord Caithness signed the Paris peace accords for Britain last October. British aid included the Caithness for Britain last October. cludes the construction of four out of six transit centres for returning refugees.

Lord Caithness leaves Cambodia today

for Bangkok, where he will hold talks with Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

### Government charity begins at Cracow

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE employment department intervened yesterday in the future of the troubled steel industry by announcing that it was despatching a team of Whitehall officials and training experts from Sheffield to help redundant workers find

After Labour's angry pro-tests last week's about alleged government inaction in the face of British Steel's decision to close Ravenscraig, Scotland's last steel plant, the government's move might have been greeted with the grudging approval of the

Far from it. Cries of "shame" rang out in the Commons from the Labour benches as one of their MPs told the House of ministers' attempts to bring relief to a

depressed region of the country. The problem, as Dr John Reid, MP for Motherwell, hastened to point out was that the country in question was a "far off" place called Poland. He claimed that Michael Howard, the employment secretary, had added insult to Scottish injury by calling in a consortium led by the Sheffield training and enterprise council to bring relief to jobless steelworkers in Cracow while ignoring demands for assistance closer home.

Mr Howard said that the team would help to provide a skilled and flexible workforce ready to meet the needs of the rapidly changing economy. As Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, sought to repulse a renewed Labour assault in the Commons. Dr Reid sug-

gested that the economy most in need of change was Lanarkshire, where unemployment stands at nearly 12 per cent and 15,500 jobs are at risk because of the planned closure of the plant in September. Mr Lang was presiding over the "most odious betrayal" in modern Scottish industrial history.

As the Sheffield team flew out on their mercy mission to 40,000 workers at the Lenin Steelworks in Nova Huta (literally "new steel plant"), a town of 100,000 people on the outskirts of Cracow, the spokesman explained that the vernment was earmarking £80,000 for the project from the £125 million so far pledged to help revive the economies of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

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At the Polish embassy. Janusz Dulzynski was not inclined to mourn the rundown of the Lenin plant. He said it had been a "gift" from the Soviet Union in the 1950s and had been out of date even then. "It was transferred from the Soviet Union, but the technology was based on United States technology in the 1930s."

In the Commons, Mr Lang insisted that Lanarkshire's plight was not being overlooked. An enterprise zone backed by £50 million of govemment money would be set up once the European Commission gave assent. In addi-tion, it had "an extensive commitment" to training and retraining in the area. It was spending £40 million on 6,000 training places.

#### Pact may threaten peace in Ulster

By Sheila Gunn political correspondent

TALKS between Conservative leaders and Ulster Unionist MPs about a possible postelectoral pact could destroy any prospect of fresh peace talks, the Liberal Democrats' spokesman on Northern Ire-land, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, said vesterday.

As Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, attempts to revive talks on the future of the province, Lord Holme appealed to him not to lend his authority to any "seedy manoeuvring" by Conservative Central Office about concessions to the Unionists in the event of a hung Parliament. "It will be a disaster of the first magnitude if party politics by the Tories derail the peace process in Northern Ireland," he said.

If the nine Unionist MPs calculated that they could get their own way better by a backdoor deal with a panicstricken Tory machine, peace talks would not resume and the daily chronicle of savagery and bloodshed would continue, Lord Holme said. "The government really must deide whether it speaks for Britain or its own short-term electoral interest." He committed the Liberal Democrats to playing no part in any arrangement by the incoming government which could prejudice the peace process.

James Molyneaux, the leader of the Ulster Unionist MPs, also confirmed that his party was not prepared to make any deals with the To-ries or Labour if they were elected without an overall majority. However, they could hold the power to force another election.

After talks with Mr Brooke yesterday Mr Molyneaux spelt out his party's stance and accepted that the Ulster Unionists could expect to be courted by an incoming minority government. In the event of a hung Parliament the party would decide in the interests of the people of Northern Ireland, from time to time, whether we should terminate the life of the new Parliament prematurely".

#### Poll tax forecast

By JOHN WINDER

THE average poll tax charge in Wales in 1992-3 ought to be £118, reduced to £100 after doubling of the special

government relief. David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, outlined his settlement to the Commons and coupled his forecast with a threat, conveyed in writing, to local authority leaders that he would not hesitate to use his charge-capping powers to curb any authority which set what he considered an unrea-

sonable budget for 1992-3. He said that the Welsh community charge figure he was forecasting was less than half the equivalent figure for England and £3 less than the average charge set by Welsh authorities in the present financial year.

# AROUND THE LOBBY

### Britain pushes for safe ships

Britain may impose higher standards for cross-Channel ferries ahead of other countries after a disagreement on timing, Patrick McLoughlin, the shipping minister, said in the Commons yesterday. Mr McLoughlin told MPs that the government was pressing for early implementation of safety recommendations for roll on-roll off ferries in disnational Maritime Organisation. Under pressure from both sides for rapid improvements in ferry safety, he said: "If we cannot get agreement, we may well look to take

UK alone." Terry Davis (Labour, Birmingham, Hodge Hill) said it was five years since the loss of the Herald of Free Enterprise but would be another seven before everyone would cross the Channel as safely as possible.

unilateral action in the

#### MPs to play by the book

New MPs are to be given a handbook giving guid-ance on such topics as the work and responsibilities of departments of the House of Commons and the general services at members' disposal, John MacGregor, leader of the House, said in a written

#### Arms pledge

The government is considering whether it can help the former republics of the Soviet Union with money and technological aid to dispose of nuclear weapons, Lord Cavendish of Furness, a government spokesman, said in the

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Warm words Under the improved arrangements for cold-wea ther payments in November, 1,424,671 people have received payments so far this winter, Nicholas Scott, social security minister, said in a

Training aid Virginia Bottomley, the

written reply.

spending of £98 million to help train nurses yester-day. She said in the Commons that the money would go to the training system Project 2000.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Employment; prime minister. Debate on nuclear defence. Lords (2.30): Further and higher education bill, report, first day.

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Gamekeepers are as fash-

ion-conscious as anyone.

Colin Blanchard, of the Brit-

ish Association for Shooting

and Conservation, said yes-terday: They are proud of

their uniform; they will wear it at a game fair even on a sweltering July day."

Country clothes have been

taken up by townies, and are now widely regarded as high fashion. Even Neil Kinnock

entitled to wear."

distinctive local check.

Keepers trigger

a return to style

By ALAN HAMILTON

NEVER mind the dogs.

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trophy at Crufts at the week-

end for two-legged turnout.

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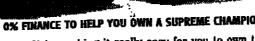
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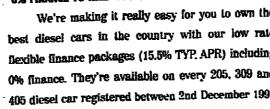
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### Scientists ... make a meal out of the good life

FOR those who enjoy the sight of health experts squab-bling over what is good or bad for you 1992 already looks set to be as entertaining

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as last year. last year. Expert approval was given in 1991 to some much maligned pleasures, including wine, animal fais, eggs, milk and cheese, and smoking. This might have added to public confusion but it also delighted those who had become tired of being endlessly ectured at and about the breakfast table.

Already this year a distinguished professor of clinical biochemistry has written lyri-cally in the Federation of Bakers' bulletin of the benefits of white bread. That, for wholemeal lovers, is the rather bland stuff like damp cotton

### Two pay the price of pleasure

Peking: Two men who stole money and gold from temples in southern China and spent the proceeds on gambling and wild nights in brothels have been executed, an off-

cial newspaper said
Li Zhenqin and Zhou
Tugui were killed on December 24 after a mass sentencing rally in Shanwei, the Nanfang daily reported. The two had preyed on monks and nuns, stealing 5,400 yuan (£500). HK\$8,000 (£500) and gold ornaments Executions are usually car-ried out with a bullet to the

back of the head. (Reuter) Cab warfare

Paris. The capital's notori-ously hard-to-find taxis will make themselves even scatter today, when drivers space 2 24-hour strike outside the finance ministry for togate.

#### Statue stolen

A rare stame worth £20,000 has been stolen from a foun-tain at Wilton House, the Earl of Pembroke's Wiltshire home, after thieves broke the bronze of a woman with long hair from its plinth.

#### Surf's up

Brisbane: Big seas washed away large chunks of Queensland's tourist beaches as warnings were cancelled over Cyclone Bersy, which has weakened to a severe tropical depression and moved far-

#### ther out to sea. (AFP) Fighting flab

Singapore: Singapore has launched a battle against the bulge, from toddlers to national servicemen. The government is concerned that a more people are becoming obese at a very young age and has launched anni-flab campaigns. (AFP)

To the delight of cynics. experts keep arguing over what is healthy, Nick Nuttall reports

wool which makes excellent toast, Vincent Marks, professor of clinical biochemistry at Surrey university, says that it could be particularly healthy

for young, fussy, caters.

Brown bread, which is full of fibre, may be prized by health advisers and the elderly, whose bodily functions require assistance. For children, however, brown bread's bulk can mean that it fills them up before they have eaten enough calories:

Professor Marks's comments have, predictably, buttered few parsnips among the healthwatchers. Nevertheless the wrangle highlights a trend last year towards questioning the received wisdom on healthy living. Several scientific reports

linked habimai moderate drinking with a reduction in the risk of heart disease. One, from New Zealand, found that people who took as many as eight drinks a day had 40 per cent less chance of heart disease. An American team found that red wine appeared to cut levels in the blood of a cholesterol linked with hard-

ening of the arteries. A Medical Research Council-funded study in Wales linked a diet rich in milk with a drop in the risk of heart disease while a Finnish study indicated that men on low fat diers and healthy life-styles were more likely to die sooner than men who stuck to the bad old ways.

There was also an American man aged 88 who, despite eating up to 30 soft-boiled eggs a day for at least 30 years, had remarkably low chilesterol levels. And Dutch scientists said the nicotne in cigarettes neight help to beep Africanies a disease at hay. So should we ignore every thing experts say about health; and diet? Probably not. What is clear is that everyone is different and that

some well publicised pieces of research can highlight this. Eventually genetic research will allow health advisers to tailor their advice much more finely. This research should explain why the 30 eggs-aday man seems immune to a

high cholestrol diet. Until then it would seem wise to heed the main body of generalised research that inks such items as cigarette smoking with a greater risk of lung cancer and high animal fat diets with a higher risk of

heart disease. But that advice should not be delivered as though it is an absolute truth, but tempered with good sense. If some parents are shoving too many health foods down their childrens' throats at the expense of enough calories, then a little "unhealthy" white bread will do more good than harm.

### Black Rod bows out

Air Chief Marshal Sir John said the 1987 photographs Gingell who summons MPs were for private use. to the Queen's Speech at the state opening of Parliament. retired last night after seven years as Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. He is succeeded by Admiral Sir Richard Thomas, former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in the Atlantic. Lord Waddington, leader of the Lords, told peers he was responsible for many mundane but crucial affairs, including dusting and vacuuming of the House".



Patry Kensit, the 23-year-old actress and pop singer, yesterday won a High Court ban on topless pictures appearing in The Sun newspaper. Miss and her jaw. Yesterday she Kensit, who appeared nude was out practising on Fred, in Lethal Weapon 2, was not the five year-old gelding, hopin court when Mr Justice ing to regain the title lost at Ferris imposed the ban until a full trial, if necessary. The newspaper did not oppose an injunction after Miss Kensit this year," she said.

A cleanup crew removingdebris have found the diamond wedding ring that Les-lie Sosnick and her husband, David Wangsness searched for in vain after bush-fire destroyed their home in October. "It was my happiest moment since the fire," said Sosnick, aged 37. "I'm not letting it out of my sight again."

Warren Bentty, Nick Nolte and Anthony Hopkins are even-money favourites for best actor at the Academy Awards on March 30. Beatty's picture, Bugsy, tied with Oliver Stone's JFK as evens favourite for best picture, and Jodie Foster, Hopkins' costar in The Silence of the Lambs, as evens favorite for hest actress, ahead of Laura Dern (Rambling Rose) at 6-5.

Ü Suc Seddon, the former champion sidesaddle rider from Borrowby, near Thirsk in North Yorkshire, is back in action after breaking both collar bones, a vertebra; ribs the Nottingham two-day event in 1990. "Fred and I are determind to win it back

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-Cutting a dash: the Sandringham gamekeepers at Crufts with the Duke of Wellington, centre, the Kennel Club's vice-president. From left, Simon Owen, Adam Shereston, Glynn Evans and Derek Paton

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A year after the Gulf war began, The Times this week assesses the repercussions. Today: the human cost

# Hundreds still suffer from stress

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A YEAR after the allied offensive began to oust Iraqi forces from Kuwait, stress ing the lives of hundreds of the 43,000 British servicemen and women who took part. But training and the presence for the first time on the battlefield of psychiatric teams providing instant treatment for soldiers suffering combat stress and shock helped to limit the

The Ministry of Defence is aware that the clinical condition of post-traumatic stress disorder can materialise months, if not years, after a war. However, a year after the Gulf war the number of diagnosed cases is believed to be small compared to the size of the British military presence. In July, the ministry said there were 80 soldiers receiving treatment for stress. But hundreds are known to have suffered some form of treatable stress, victims of post-traumatic stress syndrome, in the past 12

The Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association has had to deal with a 50 per cent increase in the number of servicemen needing counselling. "Provided it is spotted early on, those suffering from the stress syndrome can be one with post-traumatic stress disorder we pass on to psychiatrists," a spokesman

Barry Lloyd, who helped to form the nationwide Gulf Families Crisis Line last April, said yesterday he be-lieved that the anniversary would trigger nightmare memories for many. He expected the number of stress cases to multiply.

So far, about 2,500 calls have been made to the help centre in Withington, Gloucestershire, and 650 families have received counselling. The most persistent and legs."

ing to Mr Lloyd, have been emotionalism, marital breakdowns, depression, aggression and alcohol abuse. There were three known cases of suicide. Mr Lloyd, aged 43, who

had a son and an uncle fighting, claimed that many servicemen and their families came to seek his centre's help because they did not want to admit to suffering stress to their units. The problem is much greater than the defence ministry seems to think."

However, the ministry said that during and after the war commanders were fully aware of the risks of were taken to deal with spokesman said it was sometimes difficult to guage whether a problem involving a Gulf veteran was definitely related to his experiences in the war".

Stasiu Labuc, a combat stress expert who worked for 14 years for the defence ministry assessing soldiers for hazardous duties, said: "The great fear for the servicemen in the Gulf was the unknown. They didn't know what Saddam [president of Iraq] was going to throw at them. But they were highly

back home, so their morale

was high and that was cru-

For the RAF pilots and navigators who became prisoners of war and suffered torture, the anniversary will be a grim reminder. Flight Lieutenant David Waddington described his experience: "Sometimes they'd beat me to the stage where I'd go unconscious. Then I'd come round and tion and beat me up again. blows to the head, the back



Human wave: about 30,000 Iraqis fled to Jordan last year and most are unable to get visas to travel elsewhere or return home

### Tel Aviv suburb plasters over scars

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN RAMAT GAN

HARD as it is to imagine driving through the bustling streets of Ramat Gan, fear and chaos reigned a year ago in this middle-class Tel Aviv

Last January one of the first Iraqi Scud missiles of the Gulf war crashed into the district, ironically inhabited mainly by Iraqi Jews headed by a mayor of Kurdish Jewish origin; before the fighting was over, one man had been killed and another 135 injured in one of the most severely hit areas of

Today, however, there are few physical scars left from the bombardment and no plans to commemorate the anniversary of the Gulf war. Apart from survivors of the Scud attacks, most of Ramat Gan's residents, like Israelis

As the call to afternoon

unmade streets of Kouba, the

atmosphere was tense but

calm, testifying to the strict

discipline maintained within

the Algerian fundamentalist

movement. "People say the

FIS is a totalitarian organis-ation" Hosein said. "But it is

the party in power that is totalitarian. All we want is an

It is storekeepers like these,

rather than the unemployed

youths in the big cities, many

of whom also voted for the front, who provide the funda-

mentalist machine with

much of its funds. On display

between Disney games are

books and tracts with titles

such as Whose turn is it after

prayers rang out over the

throughout the country, behave as though the events of last January and February never happened.

"I was with the two other widows of the building, preparing supper, when the air Pupko, aged 74, said. "I just had time to put on my gas mask when the bomb exploded. All I remember was the sound of water from the burst pipes and the total darkness. I thought every-one had been killed until I called out for Regina la neighbourl, and she answered me.

In fact, Mrs Pupko, her neighbours and a pet dog were pulled out safely from the wreckage by Israeli troops within minutes of the

January 22 attack. Despite the two scars left on her back by flying debris, Mrs Pupko counts herself lucky to be among those who are still alive and does not regret her decision to remain at home for the fifth Arab-Israeli conflict she has experienced since arriving from

Poland in 1936. Her apartment, like scores of others in the neighbourhood, bears the signs of recent building work and of being freshly painted white, the results of a governmentfunded repair and reconstruction campaign which has physically erased the memory of the war throughout the district, apart from one wall on a building site

> which still bears the of Iraqi shrapneL More than any other dis

trict. Ramat Gan prides itself on the rapid repair and ling a retired army colonel, who has spent an estimated £20 million on building 55 new apartments to replace

"I sometimes feel we did too good a job," he ex-plained, lamenting the endless phone calls from people jealous of the generous re-pair work done for their neighbours, or who in a few cases were caught damaging their own property in order to make fraudulent claims for Scud damage.

those damaged beyond re-

pair and on repairing 4,300

the properties, so when

not be confronted with the terrible memories of the war but realise that someone cares about them," he said.

Like most Israelis, he is intent on plastering over what is today regarded throughout the country as a two-week nightmare at the start of 1991, when for the first time in history Israèl was attacked but did not

"It is quite amazing how quickly the entire issue has been buried," said Miri Zoller, a high-school teacher aged 30. "I do not discuss it with my husband, my friends or my 16-year-old though it never happened. I first time that we sat at home and did nothing."

# **Exiles** lose hope

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BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

EFERES

THE tragic human consequences of the war continue to stretch beyond Iraq's borders: outside the Catholic charity Caritas, cold and hungry exiles are reg-ularly to be found stand-

blankets to our weekly distribution day, but now because of the terrible cold, that has risen to 1,000," Father Moussa lieved one year ago that

full name for lear of retri-They are unable to get and refuse to return home tion by supporters of President Saddam Hussein.

Father Moussa, a Friar Tuck-like priest in his flowing black cloak, huddled close to a paraffin stove as the Iragis queued in the bitter cold, desperate for his signature on a chit entitling them to a parcel of rice or pasta.

"Is this humanity, to starve people because they will not overthrow their leader, and drive them to hunt for food? he demanded. "Does the West not realise that Saddam will probably be in power for another 50 years, yet it is the ordinary people that are suffering?" he said

other wars, the Iraqis here are almost exclusively members of the middle class, once the backbone of Iran's economy. Few immediate future, beyond next Friday's food line.

### Islamic militants wait for orders from jail

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ALGIERS

ON THE bustling streets of Kouba, one of the main fiefdoms of the Islamic Salvation Front in Algiers, Muslim fundamentalist militants yesterday patiently awaited orders on how to foil the authorities' disguised coup, insisting their instructions would come directly from the movement's jailed hardline leaders.

"If circumstances dictate it, we will go underground to continue the struggle clandestinely." said Hosein at his battered shop, a hole in the wall that specialises in selling both children's toys and Islamic tracts. "This is a coup d'etat in disguise" the bearded shopkeeper said, between visits from veiled mothers buying crossword puzzles and colouring books. "I don't see democracy at

work. What happens now depends on our leaders in prison in Blaida, Ali Belhadi and Sheikh Abassi Madani. If they ask us to take to the streets and demonstrate against the army we will do Lyes. "As sympathisers of the FIS, we take orders only from them" Sheikh Madani and Mr Belhadj were arrested and incarcerated at the town of Blaida after riots in Algiers last June that left 59 people dead following intervention

### France fearful of refugee flood

THE French political establishment was yesterday torn between the desire to see democracy establish a firmer hold in Algeria and the fear that an Islamic electoral triumph in its former colony would lead to a flood of refugees to France.

While the chief spokesman for the Quai de Orsay, Daniel Bertrand, maintained that officials remained "preoccu-pied" with the situation, and that France is eager to reaffirm its "solidarity" with the Algerian people, the government line seemed increasingly clear - Algeria must solve its own problems.

At about the same time, Philippe Marchand, the intenor minister, said that, in the event of an exodus from Algeria by those fearing the establishment of a rigid Islamic state. France would not necessarily be willing to accept all refugees. "The law must take its course, and it is vital to maintain an equilibrium be-tween respect for individual liberties and the tides of immigration," M Marchand

Iraq?; Islam faced with a new world order: The West's pretensions to dominate the planetary destiny, and A healthy concept of fasting. While their supporters quietly awaited word on how to react to the turbulent recent events, those leaders of the said, noting that opponents of front still at large began taka regime are not automaticaling steps to thwart a possible ly entitled to claim asylum. new government crackdown

For M Marchand, who

perhaps represents the hard-

er face of French socialism in

this respect, it might become

neccessary for would-be polit-

ical refugees to prove that they had been persecuted or were at least in danger of

suffering discrimination. In

any case, he insisted, there

was no reason to believe that

France would be flooded with

asylum-seekers: the govern-

ment would be "extremely

vigilant" about anything

which could have "damaging

repercussions in France as far

as public order is concerned".

over the weekend could hard-

ly have come as a complete

suprise to the French authori-

ties. There were persistent ru-

mours last week - never

satisfactorily confirmed -

that a top-level delegation from the Algerian military

had visited Paris to sound out

possible reactions among

high-level officials to some

What happened in Algeria

Western diplomats said the front had moved printing and communications equipment out of its city centre One diplomat said some arrests had been made among the front's activists but that could not immediately be confirmed. On the road out of Kouba, slogans had been freshly daubed on walls saying: "FIS is the only

against them.

A short distance away, only few visitors wandered around the huge, white Monument to the Martyrs whose centrepiece is a statue of a liberation soldier holding a torch of liberty in his left hand and a gun with fixed bayoner

At the nearby television station army soldiers with fixed bayonets in camouflaged battledress were deployed.

Michael Binyon, page 12

### **Pakistan** slips nuclear leash

BY BEN WHITTAM SMITH

SENATOR Larry Pressier's announcement yesterday, that the Bush administration believes Pakistan now has a usable nuclear device, marks the failure of congressional and presidential attempts to halt Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme. American aid and military assistance to Pakistan has been suspended since October 1990 under legislation introduced by Mr Pressler. The suspension came after President Bush refused to certify to Congress that Pakistan was not developing a nuclear bomb. Robert Oakley, the Ameri-

can ambassador to Pakistan at the rime, says Mr Bush's refusal came in the wake of the collapse of a secret bilateral accord reached in 1989. under which Pakistan agreed to limit its nuclear programme. The accord lasted less than a year, by the spring of 1990 Pakistan was again at work on nuclear weapons, according to Mr Oakley and diplomats in Islamabad, Pa-

kistan's capital. American conditions for a resumption of aid remain those of the earlier accord, Mr Oakley says: Pakistan must stop producing highly enriched uranium, refrain from making uranium metal, and stop preparing, or holding, uranium components for a nuclear device.

These demands were reinforced during the build-up to the Gulf war, when senior figures in Pakistan's military planned to share with Iran which might at one point have made common cause with Iraq — the country's extensive expertise in the manufacture of nuclear

Those plans are outlined in a policy paper backed by General Aslam Beg. Pakistan's then chief of army staff. and circulated among the top leadership of the Pakistan army a month before the outbreak of hostilities.

weapons.

The policy paper. Crisis in



in Islamabad on Pakistan's nuclear capability

the Gulf 1990, of which The Times has obtained a copy. advocates a policy directed at provoking a reaction against the deployment of Western forces in the Middle East, and concludes with a call for Pakistan to declare its nuclear bomb, saying: "Let us now lead the Muslim world as a nuclear-weapon state." The paper comes close to identifying Pakistan's nuc-

lear programme with the production of an "Islamic bomb." Stridently anti-American, it describes Mr Bush's talk of a new world order as the "new face of mercantile

An American State Department analyst described Crisis in the Gulf 1990 as a worrying reflection of the thinking among influential sections of Pakistan's establishment. That outlook, however, dismays Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's prime minister. Acutely aware that his country's economy depends on loans from American-dominated agencies, he has fiercely resisted

paper's recommendations. But he has not been able to resolve the bruising conflict with America over Pakistan's nuclear programme. He has little room for manoeuvre. The nuclear programme is very popular and many Pakistants see it as a symbol of their nation's maturity. Some opposition elements believe any deal with America that forecloses Pakistan's nuclear option would offer them the opportunity to start street agitation against the government.

But it is the military's attachment to the programme that most ties Mr Sharif's hands. According to Shireen Mazari, head of the department of strategic studies at Quaid-i-Azam University: "The faction within the army that espouses a tough stance against Washington has grown in strength since the suspension of aid. They are more convinced than ever that the US cannot be trusted, and that the nuclear option is the only guarantee of Pakistan's security."

### Israel sees early end to impasse By Marith Fleicher in Washington

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

DAVID Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, said yesterday there could be a breakthrough within hours in the impasse over Palestinian representation at the Middle East peace talks.

"The Palestinians have tried to change the game and the system." Mr Levy told a joint press conference in Lisbon with his Portuguese counterpart, João de Deus Pinheiro. Portugal currently holds the presidency of the European Community. Mr Levy added: "But for my part I am optimistic and think we may see a solution in the next few hours . . . I don't think we will get to Thursday without resolving the problem."

Negotiators at the talks, which resumed yesterday in Washington, have only three days to settle a dispute over the status of the joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation. The Israelis say that they in-tend to leave Washington on Wednesday evening.

Arab negotiators say that the talks, inaugurated in Ma-drid last October, should be based on twin-track negotia-tions between Israel and Jordan and Israel and the Palestinians. But Israel is resisting Palestinian demands for recognition as a separate delegation when discussing Palestinian issues.

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- In a further indication of progress, the Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian delegation chiefs summoned their full delegations to join them in Washington. First the heads of the Israeli and joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegations agreed to meet in a State Department conference room and not on the corridor sofa where they talked about talks for an entire week last month. After 75 minutes of discussion they then summoned their full teams to the department, though not straight into the conference room.

An Israeli source confirmed: "We are moving forward ... we are close to. reaching some kind of an agreement." The official said that the heads of the delegations were not discussing new proposals but were "mostly working nuances".

The Israelis arrived in Washington last Monday, but the Arab delegations postponed their arrival until late last week to protest against the threatened Israeli deportation of 12 Palestinians from the occupied terri-

### Iraqi ambassador asks for asylum

From Reuter in the hague

THE traqi ambassador to ship," he said. "I think the The Netherlands is seeking asylum in the country, a Dutch foreign ministry spokeswoman said yesterday. The ambassador has asked whether he can stay in the Netherlands. At the moment

he is here on a diplomatic visa," she said. Safa Salih al-Falaki said he had resigned and had asked to stay here because of President Saddam Hussein's repression of the Iraqi people. The people of Iraq ... are

under a very brutal dictator-

president himself is responsible," he added.

Mr al-Falaki said he had told the Iraqi government of his resignation and had explained the reason. He said he wanted the international community to help the Iraqi people by any legal means to establish a democratic gov-

erament in Iraq. The foreign ministry spokesman said: The Dutch government is giving it (the request to stay positive consideration."

### Oil explosion

leak of propane gas during soldering work may have

Market rules

#### dom of speech. (Reuter)

Ndjamena: Police in Chad killed ten people in raids on their homes last week, sources said. France condemned the executions and said its support for the government "depends on its pursuit of the democratic process". (AFP)

Secul: Chung Won Shik, the South Korean prime minister, signed a pact with North Korea declaring the peninsula free of nuclear weapons. The two Koreas will exchange signed copies of the accord today. (Reuter)

#### Jail break-in

### Price shock opens rift in the ranks of Yeltsin allies

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE economic disaster facing Russia's state trading sector has returned to the top of the political agenda here, threatening a damaging split in President Yeltsin's support and even his holding of the

in cost

Exiles

Speaking to a group of visiting Italian senators yesterday, Rusian Khasbulatov, the chairman of the Russian parliament, accused Mr Yeltsin's government of lack of foresight and professionalism. and suggested that it should resign or risk being in a state of permanent conflict with parliament. He later repeated his attack at a meeting of the parliament's praesidium (standing committee) and told of nationwide gloom over the effects of recent price liberalisation.

Mr Khasbulatov, like Mr Yeltsin, has just returned from a visit to the provinces. which deputies and Muscovites described scornfully as their leaders' first fleeting brush with post-Soviet reality. Both men were said to be shocked, not only by the soaring effects on prices of liberalisation introduced on January 2, but by the continuing shortage of supplies in the

The Russian parliament, in the person of Mr Khasbulatov, and the government, represented by Gennadi Burbulis, the first deputy pre-mier, and Yegor Gaidar, the deputy prime minister, have for a considerable time been potential opponents and rivals. All are Yeltsin appointees and regarded as his loyal allies, but they sometimes differ in what they believe to be good for Mr Yeltsin and for Russia.

On economic policy, the Burbulis-Gaidar axis stands for a painful rush to the market, recognising that there will be victims. Mr Khasbulatov, although also market-orientated, must keep half aneye on his parliamentary deputies and the hardship they report from their constituencies. Yesterday the two sides appeared to be drawing apart. Mr Yeltsin, if he is to commue to introduce economic reforms by constitutional means, needs both his single-minded reformist government and parliament on

Public confidence is also a factor. Although fewer than 10,000 people turned out in Moscow on Sunday for a rally organised against Mr Yeltsin and political reform by com-

RUSSIA yesterday offered to

share its secret space tech-nology with America, claim-

ing that its rocket expertise could cut the flight time to

Mars by more than half.
At the L.V. Kurchatov In-

stitute of Atomic Energy in

Moscow, engineers have

been developing a nuclear-powered rocket that could

get people to the red planet

and back in a year. A trip

using conventional rockets would take about two and a

half years, an American re-port published last year esti-

mated. The Russian rocket is

being offered by the re-

Russia offers Mars

boost to America

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

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munists trying to use the needy in their own political interests, there were many in Moscow, and probably fur-ther afield, ready to believe the initial and quite wrong figure of 50,000, reported by Tass. State television, supposedly now under full Russian control, also misled its viewers. No aerial pictures were transmitted, only ground shots which exaggerated the size of the crowd.

This may have been merely a technical oversight. None the less, such coverage suits hardline lobbyists who, to encourage unrest elsewhere in the republic, would like to give the impression that Moscow is in constant turnoil. Well before price liberalisation came into effect, hardliners from the former Communist party and central administrative structures campaigned to forment street protests in the hope that Mr Yeltsin's position would be come untenable

Since that first campaign failed, the have been biding their time, waiting for public patience to snap and hoping for new alliances to emerge to strengthen their position, Mr Khasbulatov's outburst yesterday will strengthen that

So far the initiative is still with Mr Yeltsin. Russian reporters who travelled with him last week say his popularity has been unaffected by the price liberalisation. Everywhere he went, they say, people insisted that they still supported him. Either they accepted that painful economic reform was necessary. or they separated Mr Yeltsin from the policies of his government.

The fact that none of the blame for the price liberalisation rubs off on Mr Yeltsin personally means that he can afford to support his reformist government and press on He can only press on, however, if his reformist will is not weakened, after what was clearly a harrowing visit to

Some of those who accompanied him last week said that he had been visibly shaken by the effects of the price liberalisation and had complained that he had been misinformed about its likely effects. They suggested that he might be tempted to slow down or even backtrack. Mr Khasbulatov's challenge to the government yesterday will hardly do anything to stiffen

the Moscow institute who is

attending the space nuclear power symposium which is being held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, this week.

The nuclear rocket, which

is claimed to be twice as eff-

icient as chemically fuelled

space engines, pumps hydro-gen into the rocket's reactor

core. This is heated to very

high temperatures, of ap-

proximately 2,400C to 3,000C (4,300F-5,400F), be-

fore being fired through a

nozzle to propel a spacecraft forward. The Russians claim

that they have also developed special heat-resistant alloys

Whether the Russian pro-

posal is given any consider-ation will depend on the cost

of the rocket and on how rival

American nuclear engines



-Street enterprise: a Russian selling home-made wine on the streets of Moscow yesterday, where official prices have trebled this year

Vasil Tupurkovski, a senior

Macedonian politician,

claimed yesterday that the

nounced that it was recognising Croatia and Slovenia two days before European Community countries decide on recognition for the Yugoslav

Announcing the decision, which brought an immediate protest from the Yugoslav foreign ministry, a spokesman for the Holy See said a message had been sent to Belgrade explaining that it should not be seen as a "hostile act". But only a few hours later Milan Veres. Yugoslavia's deputy foreign minister, was quoted by the state news agency, Tanjug, as saying the move could jeopardise peace prospects and the latest truce. Belgrade would take the "neoessary steps" against the

The Varican's action is no

Catholic, However, in what may well be a precedent for the EC the Holy See did not extend recognition to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia, which have also

Over the last few months Serbia has launched a fierce propaganda campaign against the Vatican, claiming that it has been working in tandem with "fascist" Germany and Austria to destroy Yugoslavia and aid a "new genocide" of Serbs living in Croatia. Serbs are constantly reminded of the so-called "ratlines" by which the Vati-can allegedly aided prominent Croat fascists to flee Yugoslavia after the second world war. Germany, Sweden and Iceland are so far the

EC's arbitration commission, which has been studying rec-ognition applications from four out of the six Yugoslav republics, was looking "favourably" on Macedonia's request. However, as no EC countries has yet said it will recognise Macedonia or Bosnia-Herzegovina, there is growing speculation that their requests will be put on

ice pending the outcome of an overall Yugoslav settlement. Gianni De Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, has said that "problems" have arisen over Macedonia and Bosnia, and Francisco Ordóñez, the Spanish foreign minister, said on Sunday that it was "highly unlikely" that the two would be recognised

tomorrow. Last week Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina announced that they were to found a "Republic of the Serbian People" in Bosnia, but also said they ment their decision until either Muslims and Croats in Bosnia began implementing their own declaration of secession from Yugoslavia or until Bosnia received international recognition. Serbs make up some 31 per cent of Bosnia's population. Croats 17 per cent and Muslims 44 per cent.

While Bosnia is a historical unit, EC foreign ministers will be mindful that the request for recognition comes

only from Croat and Muslim leaders and many fear that independence will be the trigger for war in the republic. They may also remember that former "Bosnian questions" helped to set off the first world

Resistance to recognition of Macedonia has come from Greece, which has said that it will only recognise the republic if it changes its name. The Greek government has contended that because its own northern province is called Macedonia it cannot contemplate an independent state next door with the same name, because this would conceal future claims against Greece"

Over the weekend this question led to a public disagreement with Bulgaria, which used to entertain its own territorial pretensions towards Macedonia. The present Bulgarian position is that Macedonia can call itself whatever it likes, but that Sofia will not recognise the separate identity of the Macedonian people because it considers them to be Bulgarians.

The Macedonian case is also complicated by the fact that the republic has a large Albanian minority who voted on Sunday in a referendum on autonomy.

An advance party of 55 UN haison officers will arrive in Yugoslavia today, and their assessment of the situation on the ground will be crucial in determining if and when the projected 10,000-strong UN force should come.

### China brings back Mao to big screen

FROM REUTER IN PEKING

MAO Tse-tung, the revolutionary founder of Communist China who died in 1976. is again being cast as the leading man in the country's cinemas. Chinese film companies are preparing a string of blockbusters for the 1992 season about his life, the Shanghai newspaper, Wen-

huibao, said yesterday. Film fans will be able to choose from Our Leader Mao Tse-tung, Mao Tse-tung and Chiang Kai-shek in Chongqing, Mao Tse-tung in Western Fujian, Mao Tse-tung in Yenan, History Chose

and Chou En-lai and Mao Tse-tung in the Year 1927. Mao will also appear in films centring on other Communist heroes, including Deng Xiaoping, China's current paramount leader, the paper said. "The government gives every encouragement for these films, and party and national leaders often appear

at the premieres," it said. The Chinese film industry last year began resurrecting Mao in an effort to renew popular interest in the country's revolutionary history after the pro-democracy un-

#### forging of a powerful force. The disgruntled body of former Communists is willing to go along with a nationalist to conceal the fact that it no longer has a coherent ideological platform. The former Communists

fear calls by ethnic Turks to ban the Socialist party and to try those involved in the forced Turkish emigration of the 1980s. Therefore, they have voted for Mr Vulkanov, who appears willing to clamp down on the Turks and neutralise their power in par-liament, where their support props up the ruling party. After October's general election, the Union of Democratic Forces emerged as the strongest party, but it can only rule with the support of the Movement for Rights and

Bulgaria

focuses

on race

FROM ROGER BOYES

ZHELIU Zhelev, the Bulgari-

an president, is heading for a

final duel with the nationalist

lawyer, Velko Vulkanov, in a

contest that will not only de-

cide the future head of state

but also colour the nation's

A key Zhelev aide said yes-

terday: "This time we will not

underestimate the coalition of

a nationalist extremist and

former Communist." Presi-

dent Zhelev, aged 56, won the

lion's share of votes on Sun-day in the first nationwide

presidential election in Bul-

garia, but fell about 5 per cent

short of the 50 per cent need-

ed to win outright.
His arch-rival — and thus

his duelling partner in the run-off next Sunday — is Mr

Vulkanov, aged 64. Mr Vulk-

anov, who won about 30 per

cent of the vote, campaigned

on the theme of "the Bulgari-

an nation", exciting fears

about the growing political

importance of the minority

ethnic Turkish population.

Although not a member of

the Socialists, he is being

backed by the party of the

Their support has led to the

ormer Communist

entire political complexion.

Freedom, which represents Turks. By talking down the problem of nationalism, the gov-ernment believes that it has shrunk to manageable pro-portions. Mr Zhelev pinpointed the social unrest that could be triggered by radical economic changes as the biggest danger to reform. But this underestimates how the economic and ethnic issues are being linked by the for-

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mer Communists.

#### might perform. Yesterday, the US Air Force was expected to disclose details of its trial for the murder and mutilation of 15 young men, pleaded Mao Tse-tung, Mao Tse-tung guilty but insane. He is also accused of acts of cannibalism. Miyazawa ally arrested in hospital on bribe charges FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

Showing her hand: Aileen Wuornos, who has confessed to

having shot dead, in self-defence, seven men whom she had

picked up on a highway where she worked as a prostitute,

appearing at a hearing in Daytona Beach, Florida, yesterday

when jury selection began. In Milwaukee, Jeffrey Dahmer, on



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FUMIO Abe, a former chief fund-raiser or kinkoban and close ally of Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, was arrested last night on charges of accepting bribes. Mr Abe, aged 69, who had

gone to a Tokyo hospital yesterday morning claiming "physical debilitation", was held after a six-month investigation into allegations that he had accepted more than £350.000 in bribes from Kyowa, a steel company involved in a £30 million fraud case which led to the arrest of its vice-president last July.

highly damaging to the prime minister, as Mr Abe to have been handed out

was well known in political circles as Mr Miyazawa's Miyazawa's campaign.

while Mr Abe was directorgeneral of the Hokkaido and Okinawa Development Agency between August 1989 and February 1990. The Tokyo district public prosecutor's office believes that Mr Abe extended (avours and passed inside information to Kyowa related to resort development projects in northern Hokkaido island.

The case calls for a review of political ethics," said Mr Miyazawa, whose role in the 1989 Recruit bribery scandal has attracted renewed interest among opposition parties since last month when he ruled out parliamentary testimony by his former secretary order to sit out the remaining

and others. Mr Miyazawa denied the press reports that the Kyowa bribery money had ended up in the Miyazawa faction coffers. Revelations involving Mr

Abe's financial dealing include, according to the Mainichi newspaper, spendsions with actresses.

Mr Abe, who was in customent cannot be arrested while the Diet is in session and Mr Abe is said to have entered the Tamai hospital in

days before the next Diet session begins on January 24. That is a ploy that has been

tried with mixed results in the past. Just as prosecutors were beginning to snap at the heels of Hiromasa Ezoe, the businessman at the centre of the Recruit bribery scandal, he entered hospital in July 1988 with "depression". In November he was judged fit to be questioned from his hospital bed, but in February 1989 his medical defence collapsed and he was arrested in his

toria's dismantling of apartheid and introduction of democratic reforms, upgrading to ambassadorial level the consular relations that have existed since 1952.

Michio Watanabe, the Japanese foreign minister, and Alexander Waldemar Kuhn, the South African consul-general in Tokyo, exchanged documents at a ceremony in Tokyo's foreign ministry. President de Klerk is expected to visit Japan later this year.

Last June Japan lifted bans on tourist visas to South Africans and on sports, educational and cultural exchanges. In October Japan lifted economic sanctions.

### Kenyan rebels released on bail

Nairobi: Two Kenyan politicians charged with spreading 'malicious rumours' that President Moi was to stage a coup in order to end the country's move towards democracy appeared in court and were released on bail (Sam Kiley writes). Two other opposition figures were arrested yesterday.

Josephat Katanja, a former vice-president, and Matu Warnae, a former MP, were released on bail of about £1,600 each.

Professor Wangari Maa-thai, the first black woman to win a doctorate in Central and East Africa and a founder of Kenya's environmental movement, was arrested at her home on the same charge after a 24-hour siege by James Orengo, a lawyer, was arrested outside the chief magistrate's court as hundreds of jubilant supporters of the opposition Forum for the Restoration of Democra-

cy staged a brief demonstra-Salvador offer New York: Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, proposed sending 1,000 peacekeepers to El Salvador, while govern-ment and rebel negotiators

to end the civil war. (AP) EC candidate

worked to agree on an accord



Brussels: Egon above, aged 61, an ally of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and the European parliament's longest-serving member, is in line to become the parliament's president. He will 1994. (Reuter) will serve until

### Stasi informer

Dresden: Wolfgang Berghofer, the former communist mayor of Dresden, had collaborated with the Stasi secret police, it emerged here. He reported on talks that he had had with the East German opposition. (AFP)

**Price protests** 

Warsaw: Solidarity staged strikes across Poland in protest against energy price rises of up to 100 per cent on gas and electricity.

#### Black killed

Johannesburg: Molatu Lebeta, a black farmworker aged 60, was beaten to death by whites apparently outraged because his dog had been mated by that of a white couple, The Star newspaper

Marseilles: An explosion and fire on a partly constructed oil drilling platform injured 28 workers, one critically. Unconfirmed reports said that a been responsible. (AP)

Ulan Bator: After 70 years of marxism, Mongolia has passed a new constitution rejecting communism and enshrining democracy and a market economy. The constitution also guarantees free-

#### Chad killings

#### Korean pact

Youngstown, Ohio: An escaped prisoner charged with killing four men surrendered after breaking into a jail with two accomplices, all dressed as policemen, allegedly to kill witnesses to the earlier

mission to Mars which was announced by President Bush in 1989 and is scheduled for 2014.

Test-firings of the rocket.
which would be the first to propel rather than just pro-duce electrical power for a spacecraft, have already been made with encouraging results. "Having these positive results, I say let's work together for a common target," said Nikolai Ponomarev-Stenoi, the deputy director of

The incident could be The alleged bribes are said

guardian of the coffers. During Mr Miyazawa's campaign last summer to win the leadership of the ruling Liberal Democratic party and the premiership, Mr Abe filled the post of secretarygeneral, a role traditionally reserved for the kinkoban. Such is the level of scandal in Japan at present that the weekly magazine. Shukan Post, and other Japanese newspapers have suggested that some of the Kyowa bribery money was used in Mr

ing £1,000 a night on dinners and mahjong gambling sesdy last night, was reported to be in a fit condition. Members of the Japanese parlia-

hospital room. Yesterday the Japanese government established full diplomatic ties with South Africa in response to Pre-

DANCE.

# Dying to make them cry

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Viviana Durante, one of the young stars of the Royal Ballet, is dancing Giselle,

the greatest challenge for any ballerina. She discusses the role with Debra Craine

nly a few years ago it seemed the problem with the Royal Bailet was a paucity of homegrown talent within the ranks and a matching failure of the rising generation to progress beyond the adjective of "promising". Today, that paucity has become a surplus and Covent Garden audiences have the pleasure of witnessing the maturation of a new crop of gifted young performers: Darcey Bussell, Deborah Bull, Stuart Cassidy. None, though, has surprised more than the company's 24-year-old Italian-born, British-trained principal dancer, Viviana Durante.

From the moment she shot to attention in the middle - literally of a performance of Swan Lake in 1988, Durante has exhibited an amazing strength and versatility. underpinned by an impeccable technique and a quiet virtuosity, that have marked her out as a potential prima ballerina. In roles such as Manon, Juliet and

Nikiya in La Bayadère, she has been 'Durante has revealed as a talented dance-actress, while her physical brilstrength and versatility, liance has been highlighted in abstract ballets by Balan-chine, Ashton and underpinned MacMillan. On Saby impeccable turday for the first time she faces what technique and some regard as the ultimate test for a a quiet ballerina: Giselle. virtuosity'

Although the ballet is 150 years old, with an old-fashioned heroine and a

story which reinforces outdated stereotypes about women. Durante is eager to prove herself in the role of the peasant girl driven to madness and death by the betrayal of her aristocratic lover. "Of course a modern 24-year-old wouldn't react that way," she says, of Giselle's forgiving nature. "But I think that's the whole magic of the ballet, because you are bringing people's minds back to the old days, when love was much more romantic."

Swan Lake — with its gruelling 32 fouette turns — may be technically more arduous, but Giselle presents a greater dramatic challenge, especially for a young dancer schooled in the anti-Romantic aesthetic of style celebrates the neglected virtues of delicacy and lyricism, while today's audiences demand extravagantly sweeping limbs and rapid-fire pirouettes. Unusually, Durante embodies both styles.

"Giselle is hard because the style is so light. You have to be almost not there, just a vision," she explains. "In the second act, where Giselle is a ghost, it is such a wonderful feeling if you can give the illusion that you're a spirit and not real. The character is a challenge, but I find that I am like Giselle because I tend to be very shy and a bit of a loner."

The sibling who

was Surrealist

John Russell Taylor on Alberto Savinio, the

Italian painter whose work was for long

overshadowed by that of his brother

**GALLERIES: LONDON** 

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was the younger brother of Giorgio de Chirico. Best not

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Shyness did not prevent her leaving her family in Rome at the age of 10 to come to Britain to study at the Royal Ballet School - even though she spoke not a single word of English. Although homesick and ionely. Durante persevered, joining the resident company at Covent Garden at the age of 17. Today she considers herself a British dancer,

albeit with a foreign personality.

"I don't feel English but I do feel at home here," she says in her acquired London accent. "I'm still 100 per cent Italian and that makes me react differently as a dancer. I'm much more temperamental and I use my body more to express myself

Her professional breakthrough in 1988 came when she stepped in to replace an injured Maria Almeida during a performance of Swan Lake.
Almeida had collided with a piece of scenery at the end of Act II and was unable to get through the taxing third act. A sudden switch of ballerinas in the

middle of the black pas de deux went unnoticed by many in the Opera House crowd. Only an interbefore the final act tipped them off that Durante was taking over and performing Swan Lake for the first time. She was talked through the part by her partner; learned it in the in-terval; and completed the ballet with amazing assurance. It was an astounding

display for someone so young: it also led to her becoming a principal dancer in the spring of 1989 at the age of 21. "I always feel quite strange about that incident." Durante says, uncomfortable with the subject. "I just wish Maria had not hurt herself. I feel that sometimes people think that if it hadn't happened then maybe I wouldn't have been a principal. It is a shame that someone has to hurt themselves to give someone else a chance."

urante made the most of the opportunities that subsequently came her way, including taking over Ashton's Ondine from an again ago. Durante was called upon with just a few days' notice to replace Darcey Bussell as Irek Mukhamedov's partner in MacMillan's Manon; their partnership was an

They will be repeating the partnership in Giselle, and again in MacMillan's The Judas Tree, which receives its world premiere in March. Durante says of the former Bolshoi star: "He's terribly strong and I feel very comfy dancing with him. We have an understanding, a chemistry that works. I think it's because physically we are well-



Viviana Durante: "I find that I am like Giselle because I tend to be very shy and a bit of a loner."

matched, and emotionally because he's like me. Sometimes we'll just get angry about something in rehearsal and then, by erupting and getting it over with, we feel so much better.

Media attempts to promote rivalry between her and Bussell, in the wake of the Manon affair, are dismissed. "The battle of the ballerinas: it's crazy. There's no such feeling. Ballet is not a competition, it's an art and we can both give as much as we have. We are two individuals and it would be nice to be appreciated as two individuals." Still, the temptation to compare the two is irresistible: Bussell is tall with a thrilling expansiveness to her long limbs; Durante is petite (five foot two) with a radiant command of the stage that belies her size. Where Bussell excels in the physicality of the Balanchine repertoire, Durante

is the heroine who dies for love. 'I've always loved watching those dramatic films where there is wonderful love and it ends badly," the Italian says. "I don't know why, it's really weird, like I'm asking for it. But I expect to be taken into another world when I watch ballet. The first time I ever saw Manon.

with Jennifer Penney and Anthony Dowell, I was in floods of tears at the end. I was devastated. That's the whole point of ballet.

"I usually don't think about my technique on stage. I just think about giving to the audience. I want people to enjoy it, to be taken with the story. I want to be able to make them cry when it's sad, and make them laugh when it's funny."

 Giselle opens tonight at the Royal Opera House (071-240 1066) at 7.30pm. Durante and Mukhamedov take the leading roles on Saturday at the

was unfortunately never there

long enough to qualify as a member of the Ecole de Paris.

If he had, he would surely be

as well-known as any Surreal-

ist. In Italian art he remains

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younger brother.

# Signal failures of communication

f I were the controller of Radio 3, then the network would broadcast rather more reggae than at present and the staff canteen would be run by Leslie Forbes. If at Radio 4, I would ask BBC Radio Sussex to ouit using precisely the same FM wavelength at the exact same volume: Gardener's Question Time in one ear and an interview with Ned Sherrin in the other (this actually happened on Sun-day afternoon) is both sur-real and oddly appropriate, but it does make it hard to concentrate on either. Being personal and parochial, these considerations neathy mirror the selfishness im-plicit in all dissatisfaction expressed by real listeners.

All five networks have now pumped out their annual Call the Controller pantomimes, and the understanding pieties can be consigned to the props basket for another year. Virtually weep-ing with good intentions, the controllers assured us that while they had only a finite budget, on the other hand they had a responsibility to spend their vast income wisely; that while they deeply regretted having "rearranged the furniture" of some schedules, on the other hand such changes were widely popular; that whereas over a million homes cannot receive an adequate FM sigreceive an adequate FM sig-nal, nonetheless other wavebands exist. In other word, hump it.

The beauty of this pluralis-tically minded charade is that, since listeners' tastes are various even within the narrow concept of network brand-loyalty, every com-plaint can be cancelled by its

opposite. Too much contem porary music on Radio 3? (Chestnut time in Langham Place.) No. no – research shows there may not be enough. Too many repeats on Radio 4? But so many listeners like repeats.

The intelligent young man from Wales who tried to persuade Nick Ross and controller Michael Green (Radio 4, Sunday) that the audience size and profile are totally irrelevant was coun-tered with the argument that the BBC will have to justify its charter renewal in 1996. This was a lovely way of omitting to mention the slightly nearer arrival of a

Bare not entirely ignor-able, if only because they identify the ways in which listeners think of themselves. Not one of the callers to Radios 3 and 4 over the weekend apologised for his or her conservatism, which seemed a given. The former audience's complaints were more specific and knowledgeable; many bore the unmistakable twang of the wised-up autodidact. With the latter, the caller had sometimes to be controlled. Every last one of them referred, if only obliquely, to ageism. These networks are two of the last locations in British life of that impulse to privacy which is traditionally associated with literacy, and since the Olympian paternalism of Lord Reith (accountable only to God) has long been the stuff of fossils, this may be the oddest sur-

MARTIN CROPPER

Painting, painted by the stu-

dent Hockney in 1960, and recently bought by the Tate.

The painting is notable for its graffiri-like inscriptions, in-

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### Stage whispers

DESPITE the Gulf War, February snow and the VAT increase that led to higher ticket prices, the West End finished 1991 in reasonable shape, according to figures compiled by City University for the Society of West End Theatre. If 1991's attendances do not match 1990's record, they will equal 1989, despite the failure of some Children of Eden and Mata-

dor) to sustain long runs. On the plus side, there were 193 new productions compared with 187 in 1990. Less encouragingly, of 50 West End houses only an average of 37 a week were open during the main tourist months of July and August The biggest increase was in new opera productions, 47 compared with 37. But only 21 new plays opened last year compared with 30 in 1990.

Hockney again

NO MORE than three years have passed since the Tate Gallery's last big David Hockney exhibition. But in one respect, at least, "David Hockney in Focus", which opens there on March 14, will offer something different. It includes The Third Love

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Last chance . . . PIERO FORNASETTI was

Hockney: an early work is

now owned by the Tate

the high priest of Fifties design: few who lived through the period can have remained unaware of his endless series of black-and-white plates with faces on them, even if the name was unfamiliar. Looked at again in retrospect, thanks to the show at the Victoria and Albert Museum (071-938 8441), he seems more like the first postmodernist. using the details of classical architecture printed on masonite or ceramic in a fashion at once extravagant and precise. A nostalgia trip available បរាជា Sunday.

**RECORDS: CLASSICAL** 

### Strong in spirit

YURI BASHMET is a virtuo-so of a hearteningly modern sort, close to living music, and Alfred Schnittke's Viola Concerto, written in 1985, is a testimony to the strength, scale and range of his playing: a massive piece, in the dour, besieged Romantic manner that makes Schnittke seem Shostakovich's natural successor. Rostropovich and the London Symphony Orchestra support and extend, and provide shattering climaxes, but the dark thrust comes, as it must, from the solo instrument. Bashmet also conducts the Moscow Soloists in his own arrangement of Schnittke's Trio

A second new Schnittke record offers another big recent work, the Concerto Grosso No 4 — Symphony No 5 of 1988. The cumbersome title is justified by the fact that the piece belongs in two series, and also by the fact that it is a concerto grosso which becomes a symphony,

Schnittke: Viola Con-certo, Trio Sonata. Bashmet. LSO/Rostropovich. RCA/BMG RD 60446 Schnittke: Concerto Grosso No 3; No 4 — Symphony No 5. Concertgebouw/Chailly. Decca 430 698-2

the ghosts of Bach and Vivaldi in the first movement giving way to the ominous drifting presence of Mahler in the second, and then perhaps to a shoring-up against spirit invasions in the huge third movement that is the trunk of the symphony. This is again a work of tremendous effort and power, and Riccardo Chailly's performance, with the orchestra for which the symphony was written, quite supersedes an earlier attempt to grapple with the thing. There is the bonus, too, of its predecessor in the concerto grosso line, a piece in which the Baroque runs scared.

PAUL GRIFFITHS



"Ruined cities are likely to be peered at by passing giants": Nettuno, a 1950 painting by Alberto Savinio

major Savinio show at the ed his eye-sockets. Accademia Italiana, the first Sometimes the effect, espe one-man show ever in this cially given Savinio's taste for country, would not instantly Victorian dress, comes over as start making comparisons. a painted equivalent of Max There are perhaps four or five pictures which show some Victorian steel engravings. similarity to de Chirico, but it But Savinio goes far beyond would be difficult to find any that. He is a much more Italian artist born in the painterly painter than, say, Dali, who aims at a hard 1890s who was not at least

the classic Surrealist gambit

of localised dislocation. The lady in the elaborate evening

dress with a corsage of roses is conventionally posed and painted but happens to have an ostrich's head above her

shapely shoulders. The family group could be sitting for a

carte-de-visite photographer.

except that there is something

spectacularly strange about

their faces. The father, for

instance, has sprouted tusks

which seem to have penetrat-

briefly touched by that mechanical finish. Savinio is clearly interested Savinio is what his brother in the material qualities of never really was: a fullypaint itself, and the style fledged Surrealist. His paintings consistently depend on

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from it. In particular, his preoccupation with corrup-tion and dilapidation finds its counterpart in rough and crumbly surfaces and knobbly, granular textures, which give the paintings an extra

Savinio, whose centenary is

here being celebrated slightly belatedly (he was born in August 1891, three years after de Chirico) was an artistic all-rounder. In his teens he was a musical prodistudying composition with Max Reger and composing an opera which was much admired by Mascagni. In his twenties, under the influence of Apollinaire, he concentrated on writing, then in his thirties returned fulltime to music as conductor and

He took up painting relatively late, achieving his first

one-man show at the age of 36. But from then on he was most important Italian surrealist both in images and in words. After his death in 1952 he was neglected for some years, but since the mid-Seventies there has been a big revival of interest.

The present show covers his whole painting career from 1927 to 1952. Certain ideas recur throughout. Surreal dislocation of response is sometimes achieved by tricks of scale: early on, his ruined cities are likely to be peered at by passing giants: in one of his most haunting later paintings. Il fiume (1950), a monstrous figure peers over the skyline like Kilroy announcing his presence. The early neo-Classical figures seem lat-

er on to melt and fuse as though left out in the sun too long. In one of his last paintings. Mésalliance, while the figure of the wife in the foreground is conventionally painted, that of the husband behind is subject to facial distortions that suggest the contemporary work of

Francis Bacon. Savinio is a fascinating figure who well deserves rediscovery. Though he spent time in Paris on and off, he

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# My bag's smaller than your bag

- A handbag? The practical shoulder bag is being replaced by something small and decorative. Liz Smith reports

ust as you used to be able to judge a gentleman by the state of his shoes, a woman was said to reveal a lor about herself by her choice of handbag. The small, near bag that usually dangles from the Queen's wrist indicated that here was a woman uncluttered by housekeys, credit cards or small change for the parking meter. The rest of us had to regiment our daily needs inside a roomy leather tote shing over the sharp shoulders of a suit.

Today, padded shoulders are out of vogue. Women no longer need to prove their working status by wearing tailored clothes. Most surprising of all is the contrariness of professional women who have abandoned the efficiency of a roomy bag to follow one of fashion's more impractical whims; the tiny, wrist-dangling and - surely

- just decorative, bag.

The ever-diminishing hag remains the fashion mystery of 1992, but it has propelled into the spotlight a group of designers who have made this year's cult accessory their speciality.

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Lulu Guinness launched her bag business two-and-a half years ago with the Luke, a businesslike briefcase kitted out with pockets and tabs to hold the tapes, pins, timesheets, and other essentials of television production assistants like herself. All in leather, and manufactured in Chester, its price, at £300, was as serious as its styling. For Christmas 1990 she added

to her range a less serious style, the "dolly" drawstring bag in colourful suede. It cost £47, was stocked by Liberty in London, and her friends all bought it. Result? The original Lulu, like every other practical tote. risks becoming an endangered species. Instead, Mrs Guinness's design studio in the basement of her west London house is dotted with drawstring dollies tiny buckets in scarlet or pink silk grosgrain, small circular ripped bags in bright suede or satin and cylindrical leather pill boxes that dangle by a loop from the wrist,

Mrs Guinness says that she enjoys creating bags which her friends want to buy and can afford boxy, structured 1950s shapes that sell for between £50 and £100. With no fashion training she produces simple technical drawings for the factories (based in London's East End) to follow. She has aimed at a specific gap in the



Bags of room: Lulu Guinness, left, with her circle and her pleat bags. Anya Hindmarch, right, shows her bead handle and petal bags, and a classically styled handbag something well-designed at a price way below that of the average package and post. Telephone 071among the season's best-sellers. 221 9686 for details. The latest craze is for

stains symbol hag. Janet Fitch, 2 Vivid colours and small, boxy Percy Street, London W1, and shapes are also the signature style Warehouse in Glassford Street, of Dollargrand, whose bags have Glasgow, are among the chic shops been brightening up accessory that sell Lulu bags.
With a daughter, Tara, just two months old, Mrs Guinness has not lost all grasp of practical necessities. Her friends often maist that she adds a shoulder straps to tercounters in stores across the country for several seasons, selling for about £30. Glenn Hess of Dollar-grand can assess a woman's style from her bag and is horrified by the scruffy satchels carted around by otherwise chic women. "In France bags and, as well as a roomy suede shopping tote (£82.25, with a and Italy women choose a bag with grain purse that clips inside), as much care as they give to the rest of their outlit. The idea is at last

she launched the "baby bag". Bored by the nursery prints and catching on here," he says. pastel colours on most baby-chang-Dollargrand's hearts, boxy "meting bags which let down the image ronome" shapes, buckets, panelled of an otherwise well-dressed young multi-colour footballs and tiny mother, the Lulu baby bag comes Madonna-style beauty boxes are. in a stylish black and gold Celia he says, the antithesis of the status symbol chain-handled Chanel bag, Birtwell print. It may be bought by

Glenn Hess is horrified by the scruffy satchels carted around by otherwise

Gucci or Hermes's "Kelly" bag Grace Kelly's favourite in the 1950s). However, Dollargrand's exuberant take-off of Chanel's quilted style (in heart shapes instead of diamond patterns) and the celebrated twist-clasped "Kelly" (scaled down, and in a riotous

chic women

Dollargrand bags so small that they hang around the neck, medallion style. The heart, Dollargrand's signature shape, is used both for a tiny medallion bag as well as a roomier style. Either would make a good Valentine's day present. Fen-wick, Selfridges and Harvey Nichols in London, Hoopers in Torquay, Chichester, Tunbridge Wells, Chettenham, and Wilmslow,

as well as Beales of Bournemouth, all stock the range. Anya Hindmarch became smit-

ten with beautiful bags at school in Florence and proved her entrepreneurial talents early. At 19 she borrowed £500 from her bank manager to import a range of drawstring duffle bags from Italy. and sold them mail order through

concrete drainpipes.

London, displays her bags in his shops like pieces of modern sculp-

ture. Other stockists include Palmer in Motcomb Street, SW1. Pollyanna in Barnsley, West Yorkshire,

page. Today, at 23, her quirky styles — "tallboy" bags on four legs with a tiny drawer at the base, sain

boxy shapes dangling on ropes of pearls, bags inset with clock faces

or clasped with a jewelled crown -

sell in smart stores in New York

and Los Angeles, as well as in France, Italy and the UK. The Americans particularly love her new boxy "poodle" bags, with a poodle charm dangling on a chain. "I would love to do for handbags what Mannels Blabail, her deep for

what Manolo Blahnik has done for

shoes," Miss Hindmarch says. Her

prices run from £187 to £250.

Joseph Ettedgui, the trendsetting

retailer and arbiter of chic in

pub to go into and have half a

ugly factory site filled with iar and a natter." Mr Evennett is unrepen-Royco introduced a village tant at gibes of Church Milpond and let the grass grow long. Mr Clarke explains: ton being pretty-pretty. Far worse, he considers, is "the The land when we started dark stained boarding that was cheap. Cheap because of planners advocate to blend its poor situation. So we could

He recognises that much "Usually, the open spaces in such developments are tucked away in little awkward corners of no value. Here the village green is the main focus, a great feature for bonfire nights and all sorts of events." The one element missing in the Arcadian

with the countryside or the black boarding favoured by some architects".

work in his field consists of putting up shies for developers, which may be twisted out of recognition when they can only work if every detail is right. But for anyone who wants to see a model village, full of proud owners, Church Milton is the place to go and judge for yourself.

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### **Speakers** that speak volumes

Bang & Olufsen says its latest product is a museum piece. Will the public agree?

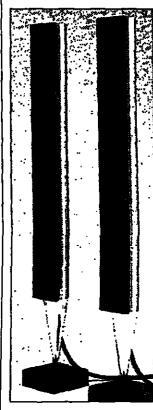
🕇 an a loudspeaker be a work of art? Bang & Olufsen, the Danish radio, television, and hi-fi manufacturer, thinks it can. The company predicts that its Beolab 8000 loudspeaker will soon join other Bang & Olufsen products on permanent display in New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Picture a loudspeaker and a black, rectangular box springs to mind. Turn to the Beolab 8000 and you see an architectural shape not unarchitectural snape not un-like a church organ pipe. High-rise and slimline, the Beolab 8000 has a V-shaped foot fastened to a square, cast-iron base for stability. A silvery, anodised alumin cone supports a slender, black, Lycra-covered

This may be what muser exhibits are made of, but is it the stuff of sitting rooms? The speaker was created by

David Lewis, a British de-signer who trained at London's Central School of Art and Design. Its effect has been achieved by Bang and Olufsen's in-house design team, which is involved at the earliest stage of a new product's technical development.

Mr Lewis emphasises the 'liveability" of the speakers.



Pipes dream? Beolab 8000

This is a minimal approach to large sound," he says.
"Loudspeakers are generally too large, too heavy, with boring shapes. But it's not necessary to have the encum-These are visually compact, and not too macho."

The speakers are 4ft 4 in tall by 6 in wide and 6 in deep, weigh 44 lb and can be connected not only to Bang & Olufsen equipment but also to that of other manufacturers'. Works of art do not come cheap, however: Beolab 8000 loudspeakers cost £1,800 per pair.

### Too twee, or just terrific?

A pastel-painted estate offers a new recipe for the "village"

esigns for new model villages abound. John Evennett has actually built one. Even before the Prince of Wales's plans for Poundbury, his model village in Dorset, were published, the search was on for an alternative to the suburban-style speculative estates that proliferated on the edge of almost every country town in England during the 1980s, with their self-consciously meandering roads, cul-de-sacs and hideous signature of cars parked on concrete "lawns" in front of every house.

Outside Sittingbourne in Kent, Mr Evennett has de-signed Church Milton, a housing development for Royco which no one could fail to notice. At the time it commissioned Mr Evennett, Royco was fresh from a management buy-out, led by Robert Clarke, its managing

"He did things most other developers thought were Mr Evennett says. "Instead of relentless uniform brickwork, many of the houses were rendered and colour-washed. You've no idea of the prejudice against this in the trade." Royco even imposed covenants to ensure that the houses would be repainted in the same pastel colours, pale greens, pinks. blues and creams.

Instead of the usual detached or semi-detached houses. Royco built terraces. "Something normally reck-oned to knock 20 per cent off prices," Mr Evennett says.

The concept was "to build groups of houses that never repeated," Mr Clarke says. "I wanted people to be able to say, 'I live in the pink house round the corner, second on the left'. No struggling to find number 27.

One of the things which makes the design work well is the choice of materials. Having dispensed with mass-produced brick and hot red concrete tiles, Mr Evennett introduced slate roofs, white weatherboarding typical of Kent, wooden verandahs and, best of all, proper stiding

wooden sash windows. Variety is achieved by mix-

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ing painted and weather boarded houses with occa-sional brick ones. Prices averaged £55,000 for a twobedroom house, and £70,000 for a three bedroom one. The houses have all been sold.

The variety, Mr Clarke says, also helped to bring out the best in the builders. "Where each house is a repear, the tradesmen get blast. They don't have to look at the plans. Here we noticed a distinct improvement in quality. I had a carpenter here who brought his wife to look at one of his new houses for the first time in 25 years." The sash windows estab-

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lished a happy set of proportions throughout the estate. Royco dropped the kitchen window sills (usually raised to accommodate standard height kitchen units) so that they would match the others. "It leaves a little trough behind the kitchen sink, but you can stand the Fairy liquid

The idea for the verandahs came from houses that Mr Clarke had seen in New Orleans. They work because the design is not over-fussy, with simple x-pattern balustrades in bold white woodwork.

in it." Mr Evennett says.

proportions of the houses also adds to the look of the estate. "We went for high ceilings," Mr. Clarke says. "The cost is that of an extra tread on the stairs and three courses of brickwork. Inside, we use deep skirtings, wide door architraves, panelled doors give character." He also gave nen says. Worse, Mr Clarke

The relatively generous

every house a limed oak kitchen, usually reserved for the top of the range.

Mr Evennen, like many architects, holds that the bane of modern housing development is the county highway authority. "Mostly it's the highway standards which destroy what you're trying to do. They force you to adopt road layouts and parking arrangements quite alien to the traditional country

village." At Church Milton, Mr Evennett avoids placing all the garages beside the front door in the main elevation. Some are set back between the houses, with a third bedroom over them. Elsewhere, garages are discreetly sited in dead spaces behind

the houses. Royco originally had a site of more than 80 acres. The land had been used for clay extraction, leaving it "lower in level and utterly boring and brass door furniture to and featureless," Mr EvenA fter the first 130 houses on 10 acres, Mr Clarke sold off the rest of the site to other volume house-builders. As a result, the rest of Church Milton is

now, unfortunately, a text-

scene is a few trees.

book example of different developer building types. Church Milton won accolades for Royco, including best house-builder of the year in 1989 from What House? magazine. But, Mr Evennett says, it did not bring him a single enquiry from another

developer.
The obvious criticism of Church Milton is that it is twee. "People in Sittingbourne call it toy town." Mr Clarke says cheerfully.

Audrey Colclough, who lives in a house overlooking the village green, has no qualms. "It's very pretty. It's just the colours that make people call it toy town. But as soon as you walk in from the busy main road you suddenly feel a wonderful tranquillity. The village green is a great asset. My husband has filled the pond with carp. Everyone is very protective of it."

Mrs Colclough also runs the community hall built by Royco. "It's booked up every night with youth clubs and OAPs. Daris, table tennis, snooker, and cards." The difference between a housing estate and a village is precisely this sense of community and provision of community facilities.

One weakness of the scheme is the lack of shops. Another resident. Betty Avards, comments: houses are beautiful, but there's no shop, not even a

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#### The Tories need not be on the defensive

The latest snapshot of yo-yo polls gives little comfort to the Tories and mild encouragement for Labour. Last Friday's Daily Telegraph Gallup poll showed the Tories within four seats of an overall majority: not the best position from which to form a government. emment. In The Independent on Sunday, NOP gave Labour a five-point lead, enough for an overall majority. Now look again. Both polls showed Tory support holding to the vital 40 per cent mark, and the Liberal Democrats at 15.2 and 12 per

cent respectively. Opinion polis habitually underestimate substantially the Liberal Democrat vote in the polling booth. In January 1987, Gallup gave the Tories 34.5 per cent, Labour 39.5 per cent and the centre party 8.5 per cent. The outcome in the June election in percentages was: Conservative 41, Labour 34 and the centre party 23.5 per cent. Mr Ashdown's party may not reach this level in the election, but it is bound to get at least 5-7 per cent

more than today's rating.

On the evidence of past elections, the
Tories have only to hold on to 40-41 per cent to have a comfortable overall majority. They will also be aided by approximately one million people not registering for a vote, in fear that this would make it easier for them to be tracked down by the authorities seeking community charge payments.

Pollsters' surveys are conducted on the basis that all questioned have votes, and take no account of the reasonable assumption that most of the missing million would have voted Labour. Labour's hope must be that many erstwhile Tory voters, particularly in the South, worried by the novelty of surrounding unemployment and by difficulties with their mortgages, will abstain. On polling day. of those now intending to abstain, few would be likely to vote Labour, some would vote for the Liberal Democrats. and others would reluctantly vote Tory again as the lesser of two evils. A superstition among politicians is that the country votes according to its mood six months before. But in June 1987, the fivepoint Labour lead of January vanished.

The Tories would be foolish to rely on precedents. The British fair-play instinct to give the other side a chance can be potent, as it was after 13 years of Tory rule in 1964, which could effectively, and with some accuracy, be described by Labour as wasted years. Nevertheless. Alec Douglas Home came within a whisker of winning.

lasting successes of the to the shores of the Mediterradecades was halted. Whether in average incomes - well above 1979 in real terms or in ownership of material goods. there is overwhelming evidence that the great majority are appreciably better off.

tion ordered by defectively elected trade union leaders was ended by the introduction of secret postal ballots for union executives and before strikes. Though Labour has promised to reverse some of the popular new laws, it dare not destroy the substance of them. Labour aims to damage the newly privatised industries, but declares it will not renationalise them in the old form. Mrs Thatcher forced Labour to move dramatically to the right. at least in its proclaimed intentions. Her achievements in changing the face of Britain, including Labour, have a sting in the tail for the Tories. Labour is beginning to look almost like America's electable Democratic party. The Tories should address themselves urgently to proving that Labour has not yet reached this cosy status, and that it needs to modernise itself much further, after losing at least one more election, before the country is safe in its hands.

### A year after 'Scud FM' showed the need, Radio 4 should become a 24-hour news service, says Janet Daley

year ago, the country was in thrall to an unprece-Feeding a news junkie A in thrall to an unprecedented radio news service known in broadcasting circles as "Soud FM". Like many good things, it occurred spontaneously: impressively capable of switching the main evening television news from the BBC is that full-time need to keep talking. Much of gear to follow up that event and a bedtime dose of Newsnight. radio news will not be with us "for what was said was tedious or (in when the action began in the Gulf, there never seemed to be an

gear to follow up that event minute-by-minute.

When the war ended, the BBC congratulated itself on its accidental success, and wound the whole thing up. But a few people at Broadcasting House wondered why it should not be done all the time. After all, there seems to be a healthy market for Sky News and CNN. And radio has advantages over television when it comes to continuous news, being cheaper and more flexible, and available

to audiences outside the home.

To my delight, I found last summer that most of my contacts in BBC radio sounded positive about making the experiment a permanent fixture. Like most journalists, I am an incurable news addict. On a good day, I can just about stagger through with Radio 4's daytime programmes.

and a bedtime dose of Newsnight. Having something to fill in the gaps would be bliss.
But this would serve the needs

of more than just professional junkies. At a time of turnultuous change in the world, it seemed absurdly parochial that the British should have had to wait for the next scheduled news broadcast to discover whether communism had finally collapsed. During the coup in Moscow, when world pol-itics seemed to be swinging from one pole to another within hours. we had to be content with out-ofdate reports relayed at the usual intervals. More than anything, I felt cheated of the breathtaking sense of hearing of an event as it took place: the knowledge that crowds were storming the

Lubyanka at that moment. Alas, the latest official word radio news will not be with us "for the foresceable future". All of last year's optimism has apparently petered out. The scheme of a current affairs channel offering the kind of sophisticated analysis at which the BBC excels - a news service for adults with the seriousness that only radio can maintain, because it is not at the mercy of "visuals" - looks like

dying on the vine. Those of us

which the BBC was captive to its own sectional policis. Vested interests, protecting their own warring empires, have been able to offer some credible arguments. "Scud FM" was criticised for just the things which arose from its need to broadcast non-stop. Hours of relentless waffle was produced by the simple the interests of novelty) positively perverse, and speculation was built upon speculation.

This case would be more convincing if the opponents did not want to have it both ways. For they also claim that the only reason for "Scud FM's" success was that there was a war on: in peacetime, there would be nothing like the public interest in continuous news. But being a who are grievously disappointed had not reckoned on the degree to single issue service was the limitation which made "Scud" vulnerable to the charges of both tedium and irresponsibility. A perma-nent news channel would have open to it the full range of interests covered by any daily newspaper: arts, finance, health. education. It could offer specialist programmes instead of endless free-form punditry: perhaps a

major political interview broadcast live in the afternoon and repeated in the evening, or a version of the American perennial Meet the Press, in which newspaper journalists quiz a politician. Some new guidelines on polit-

ical balance during election penods would be needed, of course. To satisfy the people with stop-watches in Smith Square and Walworth Road, there would need to be clear segments of political coverage so that expos-ure time could be measured. But on the whole, fairness could more easily be guaranteed. Any section or party which felt aggrieved could be offered air-time without elaborate advance planning. Not only would a wide breadth of opinion be possible: anything else would be hard to explain.

But all this promise is fading fast Like all large bureaucracies, the BBC favours those who guard their own spheres of influence. Sadly, "Scud FM" now seems fated to be one more instance of the British being at their best only

# Islam's fundamentalist flaws

#### The Algerian election fiasco highlights a harsh dilemma facing the Muslim world, argues Michael Binyon

pponents of the Islamic Salvation Front had good reason to fear that if the Front were voted into power in Algeria, it could never be voted out again. Its leaders expressed open contempt for democracy, equating it with atheism. They promised huge changes in the constitution to cleanse Algeria of corrupt Western values and turn it into an Islamic state. They exploited the electoral processes to offer voters a stark choice: Islam or democracy.

appropriate moment to go off the

air, so Radio 4's Today simply carried on until it merged with

The World at One, and then with PM, and having come that far. it seemed sensible to go on through

the night ( specially as that was

when everything happened). The

show was up and running before

anyone had time to think of

With remarkable efficiency.

wavelengths were sorted out so

that Radio 4's usual audience

need not be deprived of The Arch-

ers for the duration, and Britain

found itself with an all-day news

service. Not only did its non-stop

ingly popular, but when faced

with a sudden domestic drama —

the IRA mortar attack on

Downing Street — the service was

coverage of the war prove surpris-

officious objections.

Little wonder that the military coup has the tacit backing not only of the country's ruling élite but of most Western liberals and governments. As the French press remarked yesterday, paraphrasing St Just, "Should we refuse a democracy to the enemies of democracy?" For the Front threatened to bring a fundamentalist regime. Teirdly on the defensive, the a self-avowed opponent of West-Tories are failing to trumpet the ern culture and political tradition would not ride in on the back of a revolution against a tyranny, but by popular acclaim. It raises a question that many Muslims are oath to formulate: are Islam and democracy incompatible? The menace of perpetual strike disrup-

The record is hardly encouragng. Of all the members of the Islamic conference, barely a handful are democracies in a sense acceptable to Western govemments or human rights campaigners. The dictatorships of presidents Assad, Gadaffi and Saddam Hussein are the most egregious offenders. But even benign rulers such as King Hussein maintain a tight control; Jordan has only recently reintroduced a limited parliamentary democracy. The royal families of Saudi Arabia, Oman and Kuwait brook virtually no opposition. Pakistan has had a succession of military rulers and strongmen snuffing out brief popularly elected governments. A few countries, such as Egypt, Indonesia and Tunisia, have turned their and moved towards elected, though still largely authoritarian. governments. Only Turkey can claim a reasonable record of proper democracy, interrupted by several military coups.

Significantly, greatest threat to limited democratic freedoms comes from Muslim militants: in Pakistan it was the political heirs of Zia ul-Haq who overthrew Benazir Bhutto; in Jordan it is the Muslim Brotherhood which threatens civil rights most Jordanians have long enjoyed; in Egypt the fundamentalists are the main threat to secular freedoms.

overlook both the influence of the West and the essence of Islam. Muslim fundamentalism is essentially a reaction against the West. It rejects not

so much democracy as the Western concept of secular, pluralist democracy and the related cultural values. It draws on spiritual frustration, a political inferiority complex and material discontent for impoverished fundamentalist governments cannot match Western promises of plenty - and rejects secular society, individualism and rationalist — as opposed to religiously-inspired — jurisprudence. Fundamentalism draws strength from nationalism, the resentment throughout the Muslim world at Western domination and the lasting spiritual trauma

of colonial rule by non-Muslims. Islam, Muslims insist, is not a religion confined to the private life of man: it is a prescriptive way of life. Christ's saying "My king-



Choice or the chador: moves towards democracy in Algeria fell foul of deeply-felt religious traditions

dom is not of this world" is incomprehensible to Muslims, who believe that God's word was revealed to Muhammad, and that man's duty is to obey this revelation. A ruler's duty is not to make new laws, but to uphold the laws of the Koran. For this reason colonialism by Christians has been anathema since the Crusades.

Inevitably, temporal and religious power were gradually divided in the Muslim world, as theology retreated into the madrassahs - Islamic schools - and ordinary secular struggles brought various military and dynastic rulers to power. Post-colonial rulers inherited nation-states with boundaries determined mostly by outsiders, constitutions embodying Western ideas of rights and freedoms, and societies strongly influenced by Western science and technology. Most modern Muslim thinkers accept today's world. There is nothing intrinsically offensive to Muslims in the present polity or the United Nations declarations on human rights. Though not invented by Muslims, the fax, the aeroplane

and television are not unIslamic. However, the fundamentalists trying to purify Islamic society by returning to its origins are essentially spiritual Luddites, throwing out all the benefits of modern society along with its political assumptions. They see pluralism as a Western evil because it would tolerate parties that either turn their backs on Islam or believe that laws can be framed, debates

resolved and society ordered without reference to either the Koran or hadith, the body of early Muslim teaching. They do not call for autocracy: a ruler must be just, pious and consult the people. Military regimes are not acceptable, being banned by the Koran and imposed upon the people. Yet from Indonesia to Algeria, and Pakistan to Sudan, fundamentalists oppose parliamentary democracy which gives secular parties free rein. For them, the best kind of democracy is a consensus in society, with consultation on the

attempted in Libya. The problem for today's Muslim rulers is that fundamentalism touches on beliefs most people

lines of the mass participatory meetings Colonel Gadaffi has

that is socially impractical and unacceptable to the majority. These beliefs can only be secured by coercion, as in Iran and Saudi Arabia by giving religious "police" a power that amounts to dictatorship. How many women in Algeria want to put on the veil? How can business in the Gulf be carried on if the ban on usury is taken literally?

Islam, now in its fourteenth century, is, after a long period of stagnation, undergoing the kind of spiritsoccurred in Christianity during the Reformation. Fundamentalism is analogous to the counter-reformation: also a struggle for influence played out daily in the streets. Opponents of fundanentalism are inhibited from using the arguments of secularism hecause they are Western domination. Instead they argue that Islam is democratic, not authoritarian, and that an Islamic order with secular rules derived

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from Muslim beliefs does not have to be an Islamic state, with all its inevitable coercion and

disappointment. Algeria is only the latest battleground in the confrontation. Many of those who voted for the Islamic Salvation Front did so not because they want to recreate the golden age of Islam in Algeria, but out of anger over rising unemployment, corruption, the shortage of houses and the political stagnation. The Front offered a vibrant though harsh alternative. The West must alleviate the disease, not rail at the symptoms. Only the offer of freer trade and a new political partnership to countries that eschew fundamentalism will halt its march through Africa.

### ...and moreover Craig Brown

To the Editor, The Times Literary Supplement. January 14. Sir, May I take this opportunity to congratulate you and your staff on the 90th anniversary of your excellent journal and, in particular, the letters page. which has done so much to promote bonhomie and mutual respect among toilers in the literary vineyard. Keep up the good work! With best wishes. Timothy Nice.

To the Editor, TLS. January 21. Sir. Since you possess such cavalier disregard for truth as to print Mr T. Nice's ill-informed and spiteful letter (Jan 14), it may well be asking too much to suggest that you might now correct some of his wilder allegations.

Contrary to his sneaking intimations ("... with best wishes...') and vicious innuendo ("...keep up the good work . . . "), my books are entirely my own work, and are not plagiarised, save where strictly necessary. My personal life, too, is without blemish, despite what Mr Nice may imply ("...to congratulate you and your staff..."), and my knowledge of life in 8th-century Isle of Wight remains unsurpassed. Yours sincerely, Edward Bundy (Professor).

To the Editor, TLS. January 28. Sir, I can't help but wonder whether Professor Bundy (Jan 21) has misinterpreted the drift of my letter of January 14. I was merely wishing to congratulate the TLS on its 90th anniversary. I meant no disrespect to Professor Bundy, whose name I did

not mention, and with whose work I am, also, unfamiliar. Yours sincerely, Timothy Nice. To the Editor, TLS. February 4. Sir, As a long-time colleague of Professor Bundy, I was dismayed at Mr Timothy Nice's venomous letter of January 28. claim that he "did not mention" and is "unfamiliar" with Professor Bundy and his work. Yet few readers can be in any doubt that the real intent of his earlier letter (Jan 14) was to hold Professor Bundy up to ridicule precisely by avoiding any men-tioned of his name. Professor Bundy is an acknowledged expert on urban life in 8th-century Isie of Wight, and should not be subjected to such malice. Yours sincerely. Reginald Kray (Professor).

To the Editor, TLS. February 11. Sir, In a typically mean-spirited gesture, Professor Kray (Feb 4) derides me as "an" acknowledged expert on "urban" life in 8th-century Isle of Wight, when it is well-known that I am the acknowledged expert on all life in 8th-century Isle of Wight, urban and rural, a subject upon which, I might add, Professor Kray's last book, Never the Mocasin: The Footwar of Robert Browning 1867-73 had strikingly little to say Yours sincerely. Edward Bundy (Professor).

To the Editor, TLS. February 18. Sir, Your issue of January 14 has been brought to my attention. Nowhere in his letter does Mr Nice mention my recently pub-lished book The Wok and the

Madonna: Chinese Cookery in Renaissance Art (Beaver Univer-sity Press, 11pp, £55.95 inc p&p). This omission caused me considerable hurt, and squares ill with his protestations of bonhomie. Yours sincerely, H.H. Crippen (Dr). To the Editor, TLS. February 25.

Sir. Nor does the malevolent Mr Nice mention my book, The Ineffective Oven Glove and other stories (Armadillo Press. £15). described by one critic as "a savage indictment of kitchen utensils in the latter part of the 20th century. I would ask you to remedy this. Yours sincerely, Charles Peace. To the Editor, TLS. March 5

Sir, May I apologise to those of your correspondents to whom I have caused any upset. I look forward to reading and enjoying all their books, including The Ineffective Oven Glove and other stories. The Wok and The Madonna, Never the Moccasin, and Professor Bundy's Murder and Scandal: The Notable Lack of Murder and Scandal in 8th-Century Isle of Wight. I wish them all the best. Happy 90th anniversary. Yours sincerely, Timothy Nice.

To the Editor, T.S. March 12. Sir, Perhaps Mr Nice (March 5) could explain precisely what he means by "best" and "Happy"? We the undersigned believe that to harbour such vague wishes on behalf of others without any prior consultation whatsoever is at best hurtful and must be condemned. Yours sincerely, Edward Bundy (Professor) and

#### Selective immunity

THE power of MPs to subpoena witnesses extends to the highest in the land, as the Maxwell brothers discovered yesterday. Commons select committees can summon cabinet ministers and peers of the realm to appear before them, and those summoned refuse on pain of imprisonment. Only one group, it seems, is unaccountable: the denizens of Brussels who daily exercise

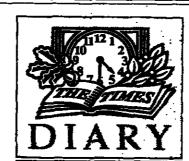
more control over our lives. To the fury of MEs on the energy select committee, Antonio Cardoso e Cunha, the EC energy commissioner, has declined an invitation to appear before its enquiry on renewable energy. Dr Michael Clark, chairman of the committee, says: "Brussels is always being accused of poking its nose into our business. We gave them an opportunity to have an input but now they say they don't want it. They only gave us a few days notice they would not be attending."

The MPs are particularly annoyed because they feel they were simply trying to be "good Europeans". Clark says: "Not all the committee wanted the Commission to be invited in the first place, but we were trying to be communitaire. It's a European issue. It's outrageous behaviour

and we are very angry."

Lord St John of Fawsley, father of the select committee system, expressed concern: "The powers of jurisdiction should be reviewed. I do not think select committees should be timid, or intimidated by

If the commissioner himself had simply been unavailable, the MPs would have settled for one of his officials. The number two in the EC energy directorate, Clive Jones. is British, but when he hides beneath his Euro-cloak, MPs have



no powers to summon him either. Brussels, it seems, objects in prin-ciple to being called to account by national parliaments. A Eurospokeswoman says: "The Commissioner is not responsible to national parliaments." Quite.

 Wall to wall Commons television arrived yesterday. Cable television's dedicated parliamentary channel was launched on the first day back at Westminster, and round-the-clock live parliamentary coverage is now available to the 200,000 homes in Britain taking cable. Even better news for insomniacs, a channel offering British viewers live coverage of the European Parliament for the first time is due to be launched in the autumn, complete with simultaneous translation.

#### Pope and glory?

THE Pope, who was reportedly peeved at his exclusion from the recent Middle East talks, is determined to play a role on the European political stage. Scarcely had the Holy See announced vesterday that the Vatican is leading Europe by offering full recognition of Croatia and Slovenia before senior British politicians and academics were flying to Rome for a mysterious meeting with the Pope today "to discuss European af-

fairs. Those participating include

Lord Dacre and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. But yesterday Lady Dacre could not say what had taken her husband half way across Europe. "All I know is that he is staying in Rome. My husband had no idea why he was invited or what's going on. He only knew which plane to get on and where it should land," she says. The Pope's representative in London was not in on the secret either. "No one has told me anything" says the Ap-ostolic Pro-Nuncio, his Excellency Archbishop Luigi Barbarito.

#### Foxy tactics

FRED BARKER put on his pinks, drank a draught of stirrup cup and went off to hunt perhaps for the last time yesterday. At the weekend the Master brought in to clean up the Quorn was forced to resign when the hunt committee voted to reinstate two former masters banned for breaking the rules. Surrounded by 100 of his own

Absent friends



outraged Leicestershire hunt followers, Captain Barker found additional support from a most unexpected quarter his old enemy, the League Against Cruel Sports, "It's the kiss of death for him to say we agree with him" says spokesman John Bryant. "but in spy affair in 1979.

their ranks he is at least one of the old school who doesn't approve of the modern ethic of foxhunting dominated by the spade and terrier brigade. Forcing him to resign has played into our hands."

■ Buckingham Palace protocol does not allow the name to be divulged, but a certain transatlantic weekly news magazine recently transferred its subscription list to a new electronic system. The magazine is now arriving addressed to Ms E.R. Queen, Pell Mell. Buck House, London.

#### We have been busy

JUST over a year after she left office, Mrs Thatcher has finally put pen to paper to start work on her memoirs. While many commentators assume the former premier has shown a marked reluctance to work on her biography, the reverse is the case.

Since signing a deal with HarperCollins last October, worth between £3.5 and £3.8 million, she has hired a full-time researcher. Eddie Bell, the chief executive of HarperCollins, says: "Mrs That-ther has done a ton of work on the book. She has got everyone buzzing. We have been working very closely with her, and have matched up our technology with

her office so we can talk easily." The first volume will be a serious historical account of Mrs Thatcher's premiership. "We have sorted out the chapter headings and she has started to write some sec-

tions," he says. Robin Harris, a former head of the Number 10 policy unit and who now runs Mrs Thatcher's private office, is already engaged in extensive research. The book will also reveal for the first time her deliberations before rejecting advice to hush up the Anthony Blunt

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# THE TIMES

### SILENCE IN THE HOUSE

The confrontation over the "right to silence" between the House of Commons social security select committee and the brothers Maxwell yesterday was theatrical. The Maxwell. name may not be the most popular in the country at present and the impoverished Mirror Group pensioners deserve every sympathy, but the Commons committee has added nothing to its lustre by so stagemanaged a climb onto a rolling bandwagon for the sake of publicity and self-importance.

Kevin and Ian Maxwell were directors of the Mirror Group Pension Fund and of the Maxwell-owned company which managed the fund's money, Bishopsgate Investment Management (BIM). In a self-appointed role as defender of Mirror pensioners, the Commons social security committee summoned the Maxwell brothers to appear before it last month. The Maxwells did not appear then, were summoned again, and yesterday duly turned up. Through counsel they told the committee that they could answer questions in writing but they declined to be questioned orally.

In fact there is nothing the committee can do, either to give practical help to the pensioners or to hasten retribution against whoever may have defrauded them. The former is the job of the administrators of the companies that Robert Maxwell controlled; the latter is the job of the Serious Fraud Office and the civil and criminal courts.

The exchanges between the committee chairman, Frank Field, and the Maxwells and their lawyers lacked not only the customary histrionics of encounters between United States Senate committees and witnesses pleading the fifth amendment: the scenario lacked a fifth amendment itself. Both Maxwell brothers refused to answer questions on the grounds that their answers might incriminate them, and counsel defended their refusal by reference to a right in common law. But Parliament makes its own rules and is not automatically subject to those which

apply in court, common law or not.

constitutional guarantee of a right to silence before a committee of Parliament. Such a right, if it exists, is in the class of moral or natural rights, "inalienable" as the American constitution terms them, which idealists view as valid apart from their recognition by legislation, but which cynics dismiss (in Burke's famous phrase) as "nonsense on stilts". But whatever view is taken of their philosophical basis, whenever fundamental rights are being claimed in its direct dealings with citizens Parliament should have the sense to tread carefully. The almost unlimited power of Parliament over the freedom of the British citizen makes Parliament a potential tyrant unless it agrees to be constrained of its own volition.

This was not much in evidence yesterday. When the House of Commons comes to receive Mr Field's report and to decide whether to hold the Maxwells in contempt of Parliament, therefore, MPs should ask themselves whether the committee's pursuit of the Maxwells was justified by any higher good than the promotion of the committee's own importance. Everything that the committee is trying to do is also in hand by other procedures under the supervision of judges.

These procedures were laid down by Parliament itself. They do not need duplicating in a Commons committee room. One of the key questions Mr Field put to the Maxwells yesterday concerned the ownership of funds held by BIM. The Insolvency Act already defines circumstances in which an individual can be required to answer questions from liquidators concerning the whereabouts of funds for which he has responsibility. That act is already being used for those purposes in connection with the Maxwells and BIM funds. And the extent to which an individual may remain silent in the face of such enquiries, to prevent selfincrimination if criminal charges are brought, is currently being argued in the Court of Appeal. That is where the matter belongs. And that is where the rights of all In Britain, unlike America, there is no those concerned will be best protected.

#### STAND-OFF IN SOFIA

Bulgaria's admirable philosopher-president, the former dissident Zheliu Zhelev, has narrowly failed to win an outright victory in the first round of the country's first free presidential elections, seen as a trial of strength between democrats and communists. He now faces a straight contest this weekend against Velko Vulkanov, an ultranationalist heavily supported by the formerly communist Bulgarian Socialist party (BSP). who polled an unexpectedly high 30 per cent

of votes on Sunday.

This, although the high turnout proved that Bulgarians have not become cynical about the electoral process, is troubling for Bulgarian democrats. But the break with 95 per cent majorities, routine under communism where people had no choice or were afraid to exercise it, is not unhealthy. Sunday's result should be read as evidence of the increasing sophistication of an electorate which, because most dissent had been savagely and decisively crushed early on by the communists, had more to learn about democracy than others in Eastern Europe.

United in toppling Todor Zhivkov in 1989, Bulgarians have been slower to discard communism. In the first parliamentary elections in 1990, the socialists made: good use of the entrenched communist machine to defeat Mr Zhelev's inexperienced Union of Democratic Forces coalition. In fresh elections last October, they lost so. narrowly that the UDF had to form a minority government which relies on the support of a third party, the Movement for Rights and Freedoms, which represents Bulgaria's large minority of 1.5 million ethnic Turks.

Yet the BSP's own estimate of its electoral appeal is now so low that it did not put forward a formal candidate of its own. In supporting Mr Vulkanov, it has relied on nationalist prejudice to disguise its ideological weakness. Mr Vulkanov has exploited the UDF's informal parliamentary alliance with the Bulgarian Turks to win votes by appealing to deep-seated Bulgarian resentment of this minority. Savagely persecuted under Zhivkov, their rights have been championed by Mr Zhelev, who castigates racist nationalism as "the last asylum of communism".

That may have cost him his first-round majority, but is unlikely to be decisive on Sunday. What is more remarkable is the growth of support for political and economic reform even in the midst of considerable hardship. The post-Zhivkov socialist governments toyed with the idea of economic reform. Since February, the UDF has set about it in good earnest, with a crash programme of freeing prices, reducing the budget deficit and taming inflation, and starting to privatise state-owned industries and the potentially rich agricultural sector.

Once empty shops are full, hoarding has ended and private enterprise is slowly beginning to surface. The price, in falling production and high unemployment, has been heavy. Unpaid Iraqi debt worth £900 million and the near-collapse of trade, including cheap oil imports, with the former Soviet Union - on which Bulgaria was more dependent than any other East European country—have made the going even harder.

Some Bulgarians undoubtedly yearn for the old grey certainties. Yet there has been remarkably little civil unrest, and one indication that more Bulgarians put their faith in the government's accelerator than in the communist brake is the 17 per cent of votes won by a thoroughly Westernised outsider, Zorz Ganchev. He ran a cheerful campaign on a platform of unity and capitalism, telling voters that they would never rejoin Europe if they were "nasty, poor and ugly" and that he would help them to become "confident, rich and optimistic".

These are the extra votes, mainly of the young, that Mr Zhelev must garner on Sunday. They would give him the decisive mandate he needs for the tough reforms he has espoused with courage and conviction.

#### **CURSORY LANGUAGE**

The world would be a better place, no doubt, if everybody in it spoke and wrote all the time in the measured tones of professors of moral philosophy or of Times' leader-writers. But the world being the imperfect planet we are space-wrecked on, everybody does not. Many of the trillions of words uttered and scribbled every day are unmeasured, irrational, immoderate, cotton-woolly, and in varying degrees obscene. In the language game, rudeness beats logic, in volume at least, as

Niagara beats a soda syphon. The tenth edition of Maledicia, "The International Journal of Verbal Aggression". published in San Francisco, surveys the fertile field of bad language from corpusclecurdling Croatian curses to sexual and excretory terms from Japan. The latter chapter is an eye-opener, since swearing is one of the European properties, including body hair and body odour, in which the Japanese have until now been supposed to be deficient. The survey concludes that Yiddish is one of the most fertile languages for cursing, because, for 30 centuries of being bullied. Jews have had little to defend themselves with other than verbal aggression: "May your tapeworm develop constipation. May they circumcise your son and

throw away the wrong piece." History forms a nation's bad language. It is no accident that Australians, some descended from convicts or Cockneys, swear as colourfully as pirates' parrots. Swearing is the poetry of the exploited classes. The more bourgeois British ex-colonies, South Africa and Canada, are far milder-mouthed. Mediterranean swearing takes sex, parentage and bastardy seriously. Germanic bad language seems to be anally fixated. But it is widely held that swearing is something that the British are peculiarly strong on, from Joan of Arc's soldiers calling them les Goddems to the modern French sobriquet for the English, as unprintable today as goddam was six centuries ago.

One point of swearing is to command attention by busting a taboo. In the age of religion, that taboo was God, and to take His name in vain was terrible. The swear words from that age have lost their potency to shock. Mindless repetition has worn away by verbicide the meaning of such formerly nnmentionable words as damn, bloody. blast, hell, and gorblimey. The Victorian middle classes made sex their taboo. The 1960s removed the taboo on sex words from Western conversation. It is difficult to think of anything that is now unsayable or unsaid.

But this does not mean the death of swearing. New taboos will constantly be created, and as constantly be offended by bad mouths. Race and class are two modern taboos, as a junior government minister discovered to his cost last week, when he referred to personal assistants as typists. Death and old age are rising fast as taboos. so that the old are referred to with coy euphernisms such as senior citizens and "Tage d'or". In a year or two the man whose car is bumped into at the traffic lights will scream purple-faced, instead of blasphemies or sexual obscenities: "You putrefying old corpse." To develop a rational argument may yet become the ultimate obscenity, until the swearing classes move onto a new taboo.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Ridley's view on currency policy

From Mr W. L. L. Lambeth

Sir. Mr Nicholas Ridley, in his article of January 8, refers to the need to allow the exchange rate to float. There is a school of thought that a strong pound is a virility symbol and therefore "a good thing" regardless of how its strength is created. This ignores how a currency acquires value and the laws of supply and demand. The Japanese yen is strong because so many countries need yen to pay for imports of goods from Japan. It remains strong because of Japanese investment in industry and because of the ability of Japanese industry to remain competitive by innovation and productivity.

Robert Maxwell has been censured for plundering his companies' reserves and pension schemes in order to buy his own shares so as to create a strong share value. Yet we appland the Treasury and the Bank of England when they plunder United Kingdom reserves in order to prop up the value of sterling. In the end the results of each set of actions are likely to be similar. Disaster for whoever is left with the results of the

By relying on high interest rates to create a strong pound we put up costs to industry. We make it cheaper to import competitors' products than to manufacture our own. We make sterling vulnerable to speculators whose only concern is the high interest rate earned. We reduce investment because the rate of return has to be higher than the interest earned on non-risk investments. We put up prices in order to obtain the higher profits necessary to give the higher rate of return.

Any sudden change in value of a currency creates problems. Sterling must be allowed to float so that interest rates are reduced and the currency finds its true level on a gradual and ordered basis. Yours faithfully,

W. L. LAMBETH, Old Gilwyns, Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Kent. January 9.

From the Chairman of the European Movement (L'K)

Sir, The remedies suggested by my colleague, Nicholas Ridley, on the exchange-rate mechanism reach new heights of fantasy. Apart from finding it somewhat difficult to compare our precise economic profile with Finland — a country much easier to run — there are other inconsistencies of argument. Such attacks from the far right on

the ERM are increasing markedly. Various such commentators seek revenge on our long overdue departure from the disaster of fully floating exchange rates.

Surely the far-right ideologues have a bit more explaining to do rather than launching assaults on a currency mechanism which has been a staggering success for those who had the wisdom to join earlier. What about the "guaranteed" supply-side miracle which the UK economy was bound to experience, they promised us, if all was subjected exclusively to free market forces?

This miracle has once again clud-ed the hapless British, both because of the nonsensical effect of rightwing ideological theorising, much of which was unhappily turned into actual policy shortly after 1979, and because of our excessive conflict poli-cies, which our continental partners have been spared with their more dare I say it - mature parliamentary systems. These allow for more consensus approaches to immensely complex economic problems.

Moreover, as any self-respecting one-nation Tory knows, if any government were to rely entirely on free market forces then the whole economy would just gradually run down. As Harold Macmillan realised, the public sector and private sector have to work together with moderate

policies. Yours faithfully, HUGH DYKES, Chairman. European Movement (UK), Europe House. 158 Buckingham Palace Road. London SW 1.

Sir, Mr John Davis is of course quite

right, in suggesting that "a family

viewing channel on television would

amract a major audience" and in

encouraging its inception.

He is, however, quite wrong in deducing that "other channels would

have to follow its example", and

seems unable to appreciate that

television is not exclusively a medium

for "family entertainment" but also

reflects other areas of human experi-

ence which are equally valid and of

greater interest to the adult viewer.

Fortunately programme planners

Sir, How on earth do television

producers manage to fill John Da-

vis's drawing room with offensive

and blasphemous programmes un-less he allows them to do so? In our

house we consult the Radio Times

and make a decision before anybody

can show us a programme

appear to be aware of this fact.

Yours faithfully.

ALAN BUILLOCK

2 Moorland Close.

offensive or not.

Yours truly, MOLLY HARRISON,

New Place, High Street,

Whitchurch-on-Thames.

Adult education

From Miss Sheila Reid

Reading, Berkshire.

Leeds, West Yorkshire.

From Mrs Molly Harrison

From Dr Alan Bullock

Business letters, page 23

#### Family viewing

From Mr Jonathan Griffiths

Sir, The suggestion of John Davis, Chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Council (letter, January 3), that the licence fee be devoted entirely to a "family viewing" channel, is not only naive but bad for Christianity.

It is naive because, if there were really such a demand for programming free of "pomography" and "blasphemy", as Mr Davis supposes, it would be very surprising that commercial TV companies have not exploited it.

It is bad for Christianity because come looking for Jesus as long as Christians may be seen as a group of people so arrogant that they will try to censor other people's viewing.

The Christian Broadcasting Council might be better employed trying to make and sell its own programmes. A creative contribution to broadcasting would do more for the reputation of Our Lord than this proposal to browbeat Britain's agnostic majority.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN GRIFFITHS. 54 Erskine Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London NW11. January 4.

#### Art export controls From Mr Robert W. Hamilton, FBA

Sir. Mr George J. Lew (letter. January 1) sprinkles a few red herrings on the problem of art export controls. If the public interest requires, as it sometimes does, that some objects are retained in this country at whatever cost, we need not worry too much that this embarrasses insurers and other assessors of

What matters is that the objects stay here. Their value will adjust to the British market, and why should it not? No private property is expropriated: owners in this country can sell their treasures profitably enough. They have no personal claim on the inflated millions notionally circulating in some foreign lands.

Yours faithfully. R. W. HAMILTON, The Haskers, Westleton, Suffolk. January 4.

Children aged seven are expected to know that the Earth, Sun and Moon are spherical bodies, and that the appearance of the Moon and the altitude of the Sun change in a regular, predictable manner, and to be able to describe the apparent movement of the Sun (report, January 3). Gallup asked more than 1.000 people in ull-time employment what RPI stood for. Sixty two per cent admitted . . . they had no idea. After being told that it was the Retail Price Index, 52 per cent still said they did not know what that meant. . . Half of the home owners questioned did not understand the workings of a mortage . . . (report, January 4).

Is it perhaps time for yet another look at the school curriculum? Yours faithfully. SHEILA REID

The Woollen Mill. Gartness, Balfron Station, Glasgow. January 6.

#### Hearts and lifestyles From the Chief Executive of the Health Education Authority

Sir, Bernard Levin (The heart has its reasons", January 6) is clutching at straws. On the basis of one recent Finnish study on heart disease, he argues against any intervention by health experts who offer advice and information on healthier lifestyles.

The fact that some people died after they had eaten healthy diets, cut down on smoking and exercised more is, he claims, proof that such lifestyles are a jolly bad thing. "People become miserable, and die."

runs the Levin theory. What nonsense. The plethora of scientific evidence shows us that intervention on coronary risk factors decreases risks of heart disease. Even the authors of the Finnish paper themselves concluded that their findings did not question the need for such intervention. The editorial in

the Journal of the American Medical Association which published the paper concurred.

Your own leading article of December 26, "Red wine with everything", commenting on the same issue, warned that "one survey does not make a lifestyle revolution." Exactly.

Yours faithfully, SPENCER HAGARD. Chief Executive Health Education Authority. Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WC1.

From the Chairman of Population Concern

Sir. Bernard Levin delights in expressing controversial opinions.

Letters to the editor should carry a davtime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071) 782 5046.

#### Genetic testing and life insurance

From Sir Patrick Naime

Sir. In the light of your important article by Nigel Hawkes ("Expensive genes". January 6) on the dilemma posed by genetic scientists for the insurance industry, it may be of interest to report that the Nuffield Council on Bioethics has established a working party on genetic screening under the chairmanship of Professor Darne June Lloyd, Nuffield Professor of Child Health in the University of London.

The working party, which began work last week, has the tasks of surveying advances in research and clinical practice relating to genetic screening, and of considering the relevant ethical issues as they affect both individuals and society. Its work will cover the implications for

insurance and employment. After the working party has com-pleted its report, the Nuffield Council will be responsible for ensuring that it is used to promote public discussion and understanding. That may lead in due course to the formulation of guidelines by the appropriate bodies.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK NAIRNE (Chairman), Nuffield Council on Bioethics. The Nuffield Foundation. 28 Bedford Square, WC1.

From Mr Desmond J. Le Grys Sir. In theory, life insurance com-

panies could use genetic tests to refuse insurance to people with a poor outlook and could encourage people with good prospects to take life insurance by offering them cheaper premium rates. In practice this is unlikely to happen, at least in the short term. Underwriters would prefer to use a "pool" approach, where a wide number of people are covered at a standard premium rate and only those with clearly abnormal risks are charged special terms or refused insurance.

#### **BA** and Virgin From the Deputy Chairman and

Chief Executive of British Airways

(January 13) initiated by continuing allegations against British Airways by the Chairman of Virgin Atlantic Airways, Mr Richard Branson. We have already made it abun-

the basis of those allegations, but to

damaging statements about British Airways in relation to Laker Airways

#### **Elections in Kenya** From Mr Peter Hain, MP for Neath

(Labour)

Sir, President Moi's constitutional amendment six weeks ago, permitting a multi-party system, is welcome. But there is still no guarantee that the election he will call later this year will be genuinely free.

the British government should use its considerable influence to ensure a fair system of voter registration. equal access to broadcasting time on the government-controlled radio and TV for the new opposition party, FORD, and strict rules of impartiality to apply to civil servants.

the entire electorate properly to be registered, for the Opposition to organise itself - the election should not be held before April/May - and for the appointment of an independent electoral commission to oversee the elections and ensure fair play.

population lives

House of Commons.

but I am sure he prefers his facts

plain and accurate. The UK popula-

tion is not falling, as he asserts; it is

still increasing and will do so by

about another two million before it

Yours faithfully, DIANA BROWN, Chairman, Population Concern, 231 Tottenham Court Road, W1.

stabilises around the year 2020.

From Dr R. K. M. Sanders

means maintaining right relationships of body, mind, spirit in oneself and with others. Yours sincerely,

157 Waterloo Road, SE1. January 8.

Until now underwriters have fixed the medical evidence they require to and the information that a person could also obtain himself if he were having a regular medical check; a doctor's report and a medical examination are normally the most that is requested. This principle is likely to be maintained by underwriters in the future; otherwise heavy costs would have be incurred and people would be tine deterred from taking insurance.

If genetic tests become a regular and acceptable routine that people\_\_ regard as part of a regular health check, they could become a part of the underwriting process. If not, see then it is unlikely that underwriters will call for genetic testing except 10 not clarify the position on a person within an already identified problem.

However, underwriters have tors protect themselves from proposers who know the results of genetic or other tests that show a poor outlook. Proposers are likely to be asked about all types of tests they have previously,

undergone, including genetic tests. The public's attitude to genetic's tests, the frequency of genetic tests, and their uses will vary with time, by country, and by group: it is not be sensible to draw up rigid regulations today on the genetic tests that will always be appropriate. However, it is important that underwriters thinker out their attitude to testing now, anc, establish an acceptable code on conduct.

Two years ago a few underwriter declined cases just because the proud poser had undergone an HIV lest This poor practice has now stopped but it led to widespread criticism and misunderstanding of the presenal underwriting requirements and on methods of rating. It is in everyone he interest to avoid a repeat performance mance.

Yours faithfully, D. J. Le GRYS. Munich Reinsurance Company. 154 Fenchurch Street, EC3.

spreading damaging rumours abou

Although British Airways and

several other airlines were joined a=

defendants in an anti-trust action

arising from the liquidation of Laken

Airways in 1982, no admission of

liability was ever made and the

settlement of that action acknowled

edged that there was no liability or

the part of British Airways and its co-

defendants. Further, we are totally

unaware of any accusations having

been made against us in relation to

Air Europe and strongly deny the

We are surprised and dis

appointed that you have chosen to."

claims made in your article.

Yours faithfully,

Rail in Europe

and Air Europe. You state that British Airways "has admitted using 'dirty tricks'" to defeat Laker Airways: and "has been accused o

Air Europe . .

Sir, I refer to the three articles

dantly clear that neither British Airways nor any of its agencies is involved in any campaign against Virgin Atlantic, nor any of our other competitors, apart from through normal marketing and promotional efforts. There is no "dirty tricks" campaign and Mr Branson's allegations to the contrary are totally without foundation. For more than a year he has threatened to complain formally to the EC Commission on

date he has failed to do so. Your articles not only perpetuate Mr Branson's unfounded allegations, but also make inaccurate and

I regard it as vital, therefore, that

Adequate time must be allowed for

International observers from the Commonwealth, the United Nations and individual countries should be permitted to monitor both the campaign itself and preparations for it. especially registration of voters in rural areas where 75 per cent of the

Only within such a framework will Kenyans have the opportunity freely to exercise democratic rights. Yours sincerely. PETER HAIN,

Sir, Congratulations to Bernard Levin. Being healthy is more important than keeping fit, and health

R. K. M. SANDERS (General Secretary). International Christian Medical and Dental Association.

#### repeat Mr Branson's allegations. COLIN MARSHALL, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive, British Airways plc. PO Box 10, Heathrow Airport (London), Hounslow, Middlesex.

From Mr Jean-Pierre Loubinoux Sir. I was somewhat surprised at the tenor of Michael Dynes's article "Old thinking holds back super trains", January 3).

Far from being "little more than state-controlled bureaucracies", al railways nowadays operate in ' highly competitive commercial en vironment; they have a remit to mak a profit as well as providing a publi service of major national and inter-

national importance. French high-speed trains (TGVs have been running into Switzerlanfor over ten years. In a few month from now, specially adapted TGV will start running into Spain, on new standard gauge line from Ma drid to Seville: in around 500 day: time, internationally-designed high speed trains will be linking Londo with Paris and Brussels, to b followed two years later by services t Amsterdam and Cologne. I fail to se

anything "parochial" in that. Finally, the Economist Intell gence Unit's claim that only high speed lines linking major Europea cities will ever be commercially viabl is total nonsense.

Our experience in France prove that high-speed rail networks, cu rently serving over 100 towns an cities, do make money, producin 12-15 per cent return on the initia investment.

The TGV Sud Est has already pai for itself, within ten years, and th TGV Atlantique is also high successful. We have every confidence in the future of European rail travand in the continuing co-operatio between the national networks.

Yours faithfully, J-P. LOUBINOUX (Managing Director), French Railways in UK, 179 Piccadilly, W1 January 6.

#### Coining dichés

From Mr Gervase R. Belfield Sir, Why is a criminal involved wi illegal drugs always a "drugs baror (letter, January 9)? Why not a "druj earl" or a "drugs duke", or, for lesser offence, a "drugs baronet"? Yours faithfully.

G. R. BELFIELD, 14 Edgar Road. Winchester, Hampshire. January 9.

Deli lai lita



### COURT CIRCULAR

ANDRINGHAM

anuary 13: By command of The Jueen, the Earl Howe, Lord in Vaiting, called upon The Presient of the Italian Republic at the dian Ambassador's Residence Husvenor Square, London SW1, his morning, in order to welcome lis Excellency on behalf of Her Jajesty on his arrival in this

SUCKINGHAM PALACE anuary 13: This evening The rincess Royal attended a dinner iven by the Secretary of State

## Foreign and Commonwealth

ffairs (the Rt Hon Douglas

furd, MP) and Mrs Hurd, in onour of His Excellency Dr loutros Boutros Ghali, Secretary Jeneral of the United Nations, at ancaster House.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke
ras in attendance.

3irthdays today

aptain Sir Alastair Aird, royal querty, 61; Professor Sir Melville rnott, cardiologist, 83; Mr Peter arkworth, actor, 63; Mr Richrd Briers, actor, 58; Baroness rooke of Ystradfelte, 84; Lord amo, 69; the Earl of Drogheda, 5; Miss Faye Dunaway, actress, 1; Miss Maina Gielgud, balle-na, 47; Miss Andree Grenfell, ormer managing director, lemby International, 52.

Sir Arthur Hoole, former presient, Law Society, 68: Professor ir Hans Kornberg, master, hrist's College, Cambridge, 64: Ir Warren Mitchell, actor, 66: 1r Trevor Nunn, theatre direcr. 52: Sir Neil Princhard, dip-imat, 81: Mr C.R. Reeves. anker, 56; Sir Vernon eccombe, chairman, Plymouth lealth Authority, 64; Mrs Hazel /Illiamson, QC, 45; Sir John /oodcock, HM Chief Inspector f Constabulary, 60.

#### l'oday's royal engagements:

he Princess of Wales, as Patron f the British Deaf Association, ill visit the association's London leaf Video Project at 25 ockspur Street, SW1, at 10.30. he Duchess of York, patron, will with Tommy's Campaign in id of the Baby Fund at a eption at St Thomas's Hospital

#### **Royal Society of** Chemistry

he lollowing were admitted as ellows of The Royal Society of hemistry on November 29, 991. They are entitled to use the esignation 'Chartered Chemist' nd the letters CChem FRSC:

J Austin, J Becher., P Chalmers, C Y 1811. J F Coates, D L Cooney, I J Merr, R F Evars, T C Gallagher, J C illiand, I Hodgson, D Howie. P M rdan, J J Langer, F W Lichtenthaier, GE Linges, K Mach, K M Nutbrown, Ozawa, D G Smith, F J Smith, F F subern, J H Steven, M Stockdale, W D Warnock.

#### Memorial service

ir Cyril Black

. service of thanksgiving for the fe of Sir Cyril Black was held esterday at the Wimbledon The-tre, SW19. Pastor Wyatt Gwin, f the Twynholm Baptist Church, ulham, bid welcome and the Rev onathan Fletcher, Minister of ne Emmanuel Church, Wimble-

on, said a prayer.
The Mayor of Merton, Dr
'harles Goodson-Wicks, MP, the uperior General of the Sisters of Anne at St Teresa's Home for the Elderly, Wimbledon, the Rev Douglas G.T. McBain, General an Area of the London Bantist ackopson, Executive-Director of lope Now International Min-stries, paid tribute.

#### uncheon

tritish Red Cross he Princess of Wales, Patron of ritish Red Cross Youth, was the uest of honour and speaker at a ancheon held yesterday at the anesborough Hotel, SW1. Sir Leith Stuart was host. The Countss of Limerick, Chairman of tritish Red Cross, Mr Mike Vhitlam, director general, and Ar John Gray, director of public ffairs, also spoke. Among others resent were:

ir John Quinton. Sir Donald Gosling.
If Roger Fartance. Mr Jeffrey Archer.
If Mike Bett, Mr Terry Holmes. Mission Mike Bett, Mr Terry Holmes. Mission Mr Holmes. Mission Mr Holmes. Mission Mr Holmes. Mission Mr Neville Shulman. Mr David Alivey.
If Tony Biooms. Mr Norman Cannon, tr Geoffrey Gelardi. Mr Elji Kimura.
Ir David Tagg and Mr Paul Woolf.

### **Dinners**

IM Government 'he Princess Royal attended a linner given by the Hon Douglas lurd, Secretary of State for oreign and Commonwealth Afairs, and Mrs Hurd last night at ancaster House in honour of Dr Soutros Boutros Ghali, Secretary-Jeneral of the United Nations.

citmakers' Company or Philip Wright, Master of the eltmakers' Company, with dembers of the Court of Assisants, entertained the Sheriffs of he City of London at his Plough Monday dinner held last night at Jutiers' Hall. Mr Alderman and theriff Neil Young was the peaker. The Masters of the viercers'. Merchant Taylors'. Fallow Chandlers'. Horners'. oriners' and Gunmakers' Comvanies were among the other

conduction for Science and

ord Butterworth, Chairman of he Foundation for Science and fechnology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last light at the Royal Society. Lord leay, Parliamentary Under-Sec-etary of State for Industry and

January 13: The Prince of Wales today visited the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, Banchory. Commander Richard Aylard

The Princess of Wales, Patron British Red Cross Youth, attended a Corporate Lunch at the Lanesborough Hotel, I Lanesborough Place, London

Mr Patrick Jephson was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE January 13: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Reception given by the Venice in Peril Fund at the Royal Academy of Arts. Piccadilly, London W1.
The Lady Nicholas Gordon
Lennox was in attendance.

#### Appointments

Latest appointments include: Group Captain M. J. Steer to be Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, from last month, in succession to Group Captain M. L. Jackson. Air Vice-Marshal R. M. Austin to be Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Systems) in April in the rank of Air Marshal, in succession to Lieutenant General Sir Anthony

Brigadier C. R. S. Nodey to be President of the Ordnance Board in April in the rank of Major General, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal J. M. P. Calnan.

Air Commodore R. P. O'Brien to be Commandant Joint Services Defence College in April in the rank of Air Vice-Marshal, in succession to Major General A. Makeneace-Warne.

Mr Dogaid Thomas Younge Curry, a farmer from Northum-berland, to be Deputy Chairman of the Meat and Livestock Commission for three years from January 8. He succeeds Mr Werner Mattes, who has retired.

Mr John Boyd, QC, Professor J. A. Kennerley, Mr Bill Morgan and Professor Colin Robinson to be members of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to assist in references made under Section 12(9) of the Electricity Act

Mr John Lavin, head of administration, to be Deputy Director (Operations), Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Dr Charles Stirton to be Deputy Director (Science).

Mr Thomas Arthur Charles Coningsby, QC, and Mr Michael King Mettyear to be circuit judges, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit and the North Eastern Circuit respectively.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Matthew Maury, pio-neer hydrographer, Spotsylvania. County Virginia, 1806; Henri-Fantin Latour, painter, Grenoble, 1836; Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, Buxton, 1847; Pierre Loti, novelist, Rochefort, France, 1850; Albert Schweitzer, octor, musician and missionary Nobel peace laureate 1952 Kaysenberg, France, 1875: Sir Cecil Beaton, photographer,

DEATHS: Edmund Halley, astronomer, London, 1742; Jean Ingres, painter, Paris, 1867; Lewis Carroll, Guildford, 1898; Humphrey Bogart, film actor, Hollywood, 1957; Jeannette MacDonald, singer and film actress, 1965; Peter Finch, actor, Los Angeles, 1977.

#### Dean Close School

The Spring Term begins today. Lloyd Allington is temporary Housemaster of Brook while Richard and Carol Ryall are on sabbatical in Adelaide. Melanie Bird is Head of School and Christopher Hillman is her Dep-uty. Matthew Butler is Captain of Hockey. The Music Scholarship Auditions will be held on Feb-ruary 6 and the Academic Scholarships from March 2-4. The Old Decanian Games' Day will be on February 28. Confirmation, conducted by the Bishop of Tewkesbury, will be on March 8, and term ends on March 18.

#### Hungary visit

The Princess of Wales is to make a two-day visit to Budapest in March. Her engagements will include a gala performance by the English National Ballet of which

Technology, Sir Geoffrey Allen, Dr Malcolm Gower, M Jean-Claude Lehmann and Dr Ron Coleman were the speakers. Among others present were:

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#### Service dinner

South Wales Division RNR Air Vice-Marshal R.H. Kyle was the guest of honour at a dinner of the South Wales Division Royal Naval Reserve held last night on board HMS Waveney in Barry Docks to mark the completion of his appointment as Air Officer wales. Commander J.M.D. Curteis, Commanding Officer of HMS Cambria, presided. Brigadier R.E.L. Jenkins, Secretary of the TAVRA Wales, and Commodore David Jefferies were

#### **OBITUARIES**

### WILLIAM REES-DAVIES

William Rees-Davies, QC, former Conservative MP, died on January 12 aged 75. He was born on November 19. 1916.

FOR 30 years William Rees-Davies was one of the most colourful members of the House of Commons. His private life could best be described as animated. His legal career was controversial and his personal appearance was dramatic. His habit of sweeping through the corridors of the House in a black cloak caused him to be known as Dracula. His misfortune in losing an arm during the war resulted in another nick-name: Billy the One-Armed Bandit.

He was the only son of Sir William Rees-Davies, a Chief Justice of Hong Kong who was briefly a Liberal MP. Rees-Davies was educated at Eton where he was Victor Ludorum and played for the cricket XI. At Cambridge he gained his blue for cricket and read history and law at Trinity College. He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1939 but volunteered almost immediately for active service and was commissioned in the Welsh Guards. The loss of his right arm in 1943 saw him resuming his legal career, however, and politics started to play an increasingly important part in his life.

He was adopted as Conservative candidate for South Noningham and fought it unsuccessfully in the general elections of 1950 and 1951, though in his second election he brought the Labour majority down to 482. In 1953 he won the safe Tory seat of the Isle of Thanet in a by-election



and he represented the constituency and later the new West Thanet seat until 1983. In the House he proved to be more rakish than effective though he was before his time when he introduced a Bill to reform the gaming laws. He also tried to ban ultra-sexy advertisements. He was chairman of the all-party tourist committee from 1970 to 1974 and also served on the select committees on antidiscrimination and on divorce in marriage.

' His life outside politics attracted more attention from the press. It also drew increasing criticism from his constituents. Soon after he entered the House he was suspended from practice as a barrister for six months as a result of unprofessional conduct when he showed witnesses a transcript of evidence after it had been directed that this should not be done. He was also suspended from practising at the Bar for another six months in 1980 for an incident in which he absented himself from a case.

There was yet another controversy about his absence when he failed to appear at Kent Assizes as he was speaking at a women's luncheon club in his constituency at the point when he should have been making the final speech for his client. There was also a clash with a judge at the Central Criminal Court which resulted in the jury being discharged as the judge said he felt so strongly about Rees-Davies's conduct that it would be wrong for him to continue trying it.

In his personal life he had more troubles with the law. He was ordered to pay damages to an American oil man to whom he let a flea-infested dwelling. Two families who rented his villa in Corfu were. awarded damages because it was dirty and damp. After he left the House he was banned for driving for three years and fined £150 for a third drinkdrive offence.

But his experiences with the law were not always unfavourable. In 1980 he was awarded £2,484 damages after he had been knocked down by a car near the House of Commons. And he wrote a Conservative Political Centre pamphlet, The Conquest of Crime, which was well regarded in its day. He was not re-selected by his constituency party for the 1983 general election. He fought the decision in the courts but it was ruled that the newcomer, Roger Gale, had been properly selected.

He married in 1959 Jane Manders; they had two daughters. The marriage was dissolved in 1981; in 1982 he married Sharlie Kingsley.

### CHIQUITA ASTOR

Ana Inez (Chiquita) Astor. theatrical designer and society beauty, died on January 3 aged 73. She was born in Buenos Aires on December 6.

CHIQUITA Astor was the younger daughter of Miguel Angel Carcano, hon KCMG. hon KBE, an Anglophile Argentine politician and diplomat, who negotiated the 1936 Anglo-Argentine Treaty before becoming ambassa-dor to France and, in 1942. to Britain. Fair, but with dark eyes, she was an outstanding beauty, with intelligence, wit and artistic talent to match.

In the early years of the second world war she designed costumes for the Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo. Her work also came to the notice of the French actorproducer, Louis Jouvet, who was in Buenos Aires at the time. For him she designed costumes and sets for Mo-lière's Le Médecin malgré lui and other plays. In 1989 her work was clearly identified in a Jouvet exhibition in Paris. Amid the austerity of war-

time London the Argentine embassy was a beacon of light, and all the more so because of the glamour of the ambassador's two daughters, who were widely admired and courted. The elder, Stella. married Lord Ednam. Chiquita, in 1944, married J. J. (Jakie) Astor, youngest son of Waldorf and Nancy Astor, whose prejudice against Roman Catholicism was such that they did not attend the

Nancy Astor, however, soon relented towards Chiquita, who became her favourite daughter-in-law. partly because Chiquita stood up to her. Another bond was their shared visual taste. Chiquita continued to paint and design for the rest of her life. She was also an accomplished needlewoman and interior decorator. But she lacked the incentive for sustained professional work, though from 1965 to 1972 she was a contributing editor of Vogue.

She had been a friend of John F. Kennedy since meeting him in Rome in 1939, when their parents were representing their respective countries at the coronation of Pius XII. The families remained on close terms, and when Kennedy was president Chiquita once asked him point blank, in the White House rose garden, if he had ever been in love with anybody. "No", was his revealing reply: "just interested."

Her marriage was dissolved in 1972, but she continued to retain a base in London, while spending much time in New York. She was also deeply attached to her native country, where she had an estate. The Falklands war caused her much distress. In her last years she divided her time between a flat in London and a small house in Wiltshire. There are three drawings of

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#### MAJOR-GENERAL SIR LESLIE TYLER

Major-General Sir Leslie (Norman) Tyler, KBE, CB, director of electrical and mechanical engineering at the War Office from 1957 to 1960. died on January 6 aged 87. He was born on April 26, 1904.

ordnance mechanical engineer, who played a critical role in the defence of Malta during the Axis siege of the the foundation members of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers when it was formed in 1942 and rose to be its director in 1957. He was one of the most influential officers in establishing the ethos of the new corps, whose pride became the achievement of the highest practicable levels of weapon and equipment serviceability in the army in war and peace. He was one of REME's most respected directors in the post-war era.

A humane and quietly spoken man, Tyler achieved results through genuineness of purpose and strength of personality. The son of Major Norman Tyler, an Admiralty civil servant and a Territorial Army gunner, he was educated at the Ronderbosch Diocesan College while his family were in South Africa at the Simonstown naval base. On their return to England, he went to the Royal Naval colleges. Osborne and Dammouth, but he decided against a naval career because he suffered from sea sickness. Instead he went to King's College London where he gained a first in engineering. After completing an apprenticeship with English Electric, he was commissioned as an ordnance mechanical engineer in the RAOC in

In 1936 he was posted to command the Malta ordnance workshops during the Abyssinian crisis By the time the Axis siege of the island began in 1941, he was a lieutenant-colonel and the senior ordnance mechanical engineer on the Malta Command staff. Thanks to his outstanding leadership and ingenuity, extraordinary feats of improvisation were achieved in the local manufacture of vital components for the garrison's weapon systems. Never more than three per cent of the anti-aircraft guns were ever unserviceable; and the accurate production of parts for the sites of the twin 6-pounder coast defence guns led to spectacular successes against Italian motor torpedo boats. He was appointed OBE for his work during the siege.

He returned to England in 1943 and began to influence the early formative years of REME as assistant commandant and chief instructor of its training centre at Arborfield in the preparatory period before the Normandy landings.



Shortly before D-Day he was promoted brigadier and appointed deputy director of mechanical engineering (DDME) on Ritchie's 12th Corps staff, responsible for the repair and recovery of its weapons and equipment throughout the battles in Normandy, the breakout across France and the fighting in the Rhineland. In April 1945 he took over as DDME to Dempsey's 2nd Army just after the crossing of

the Rhine, but in time for the final ever-increasing role in army equipadvance across Germany to the After the war he returned to

Arborfield as commandant where he used his extensive operational experience in the formulation of post-war REME training policy. In 1948 he reverted to full colonel as head of REME's personnel branch (AG21) in the War Office, which alities composing his corps. From this point onwards he filled a succession of key REME policy-making appointments: director of mechanical engineering (DME) in GHQ Middle East as a brigadier, 1948-50; DDME in the War Office during the Korean war, 1950-53; back as DME, Middle East, as a majorgeneral, 1953-55; and commandant of the base workshops group, 1956-57 during the Suez crisis.

He became a director of mechanical engineering in the War Office and the professional head of REME in 1958. His time as DME coincided with the implementation phase of the Duncan Sandys defence review. which led to the ending of National Service. Tyler was responsible for advising the Army Council on the shape and size of REME in the all regular army; and was instrumental in establishing the Technical Group REME. With electrical and electronic weapon systems playing an

ment, he persuaded the army council to add "electrical" to the director's title, which became director of electrical and mechanical engineering (DEME).

Tyler retired in 1960; and exceptionally for a major-general was knighted for his distinguished services. He joined the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works, and as delighted to return to Malia as its regional director general for the Mediterranean, an appointment that he held for five years. A keen member of the Worshipful Company of Turners, he did much to foster the close links that exist between his Corps and the Company, becoming its Master in 1982.

Sadly, he contracted motor neurone, an incurable and incapacitat-ing disease, which led to his death after a long and bravely-faced Ilness. He married Louie Teresa Franklin in 1930. They had a son and a daughter. Tragically Louis was drowned while swimming during his time as DME, Middle East, in 1950. His second wife was Sheila, widow of Major-General L. H. Cox.

CB, CBE, MC.
He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter from his first marriage, two sons from his second marriage and his two stepdaughters.

### Forthcoming marriages

Dr F. Anda and Miss M.C. Davis

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The engagement is announced between Faiek, youngest son of Sheikh Aziz Auda and the lane Mrs Hayat Kareem, of Khalis, Iraq, and Monica, daughter of the late Mr Edward Davis and of Mrs Christine Davis, of Glastonbury, Somerset.

and Miss M.K. Barfuss

The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Sir Roger and Lady Bannister, the Master's Lodgings, Pembroke College, Oxford, and Marjorie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Barfuss, of New Canaan, Connecticut, USA. Mr R.N.A. Bland

and Miss H.M. Atkinson The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Major and Mrs Richard Bland, of Farnham Common, Bucking-hamshire, and Harriet, daughter

of Mr and Mrs William Atkinson, of Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. Mr S. Boad and Miss H.P. McKeown
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Bond, of Okehampion, Devon, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel McKeown, of Thornton

Mr S.B. Glaister and Miss M.L. Hely-Hutchinson The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Glaister, of Kentmere, Cumbria, and Melita, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry

Hely-Hutchinson, of London. Mr R.A. Lambert

and Miss J.M. Cavanagh The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Sir John and Lady Lambert, of Rivermend Court, London, SW6, and Janes daughter of Mr and Mrs Seamus Cavanagh, of Cabinicely, Dublin.

Dr M.S. Lohn and Dr J.G.M. Cornwell

The engagement is announced between Matthew Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. William Lohn, of Shenfield. Essex, and Johanna Gabriella Miranda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cornwell, of Home Farm House, Draughton, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.R. Milne and Miss A.J. Hardey

The engagement is announced between James Robert, only son of Mr J.N. Milne, of Cascais, Portugal, and Mrs H. Milne, of Holland Park, London, and Alexandra Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.N. Hardey, of Colwail, Herefordshire.

Mr P.P. O'Neil Donnellon and Miss G.R. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of the late Dr John O'Neil Donnellon and of Mrs Margot O'Neil Donnellon, of Esher. Surrey, and Gae, youngest daughter of Mr Geoffrey Taylor, of Auckland, and Mrs Dulcie Dennes, of Keri Keri.

Mr D.W.E. Owen and Miss N.K. Booth

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Owen, of Hampton, Middlesex, and Kathleen, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Booth, of Englefield Green, Surrey.

Mr N.A. Roberts and Miss L.C.P. Weiham The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Roberts, of Tring, Hertfordshire, and Louisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Welham, of East Molesey, Surrey. Mr.J.D. Rouncy and Miss L.J. Dougles

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Dermot Rooney, of Shrewsbury. Shropshire, and Lisa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gavin Douglas, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr N.L. Savage and Miss H.C. Valentine

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Michael Savage, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and of Mrs Diana Simmonds, of Peacock Hall, Suffolk, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Valentine, of Purney, London.

Mr M.C. Steaart-Corry and the Hon Juliet Richards

The engagement is announced between Maurice Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs William Steuart-Corry, of Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, and Juliet Elizabeth, younger daughter of the Rev Lord and Lady Milverton, of Christian Malford, Wiltshire.

Mr J.M. Valentine and Miss P.M. O'Hagan

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Valentine, of Needham, Norfolk, and Patricia, daughter of Mr Alfred and Dr Dympna O'Hagan, of Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

Mr A.H.R. Waha and Miss D.H. Glockstein The engagement is announced

and Diana, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gluckstein, of

between Alain, eldest son of M Jean Pierre Waha and Dr Danielle Balériaux, of Brussels,

Mr J.P. Watson and Miss L.J. Cockell

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Philip, third son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Watson, of Faldonside, Melrose, Roxburghshire, and Lucinda Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cockell, of Hill Harbour House, Hellingly, East

Captain J.K. Wright and Miss J. Bate The engagement is announced between Jason Kewell Wright. The Green Howards, only son of Mr and Mrs F.D. Wright. of Broughton House, North Yorkshire, and Joanne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Bate, of Falmouth, Cornwall.

Marriages

Mr J. Klamar and the Hon Alexandra Foley The marriage took place on December 31, 1991, in Southampton, Long Island, New York, between Mr Janos Klamar and the Hon Alexandra Foley.

and Mrs A. Oliver

Mr I. Fanktoner

The marriage has taken place between Mr Ivor Christopher Faulconer, widower of Mrs Daphne Faulconer, and Mrs Paper Patricines, and with Anne Mary Oliver, widow of the Reverend Kenneth Oliver. A service was conducted by the Right Reverend Slmon Phipps.

Mr R.J. Willis and Miss S. Bone

The marriage took place on December 28, at Kelso, of James Willis, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Willis, of Lower Shiplake, Oxon. to Sheena Bone (Stafford), daughter of Mrs James Bucknill, of Binham, Norfolk, and the late Douglas Bone

Archaeology

### Pollen cores show early island farming

BY NORMAN HAMMOND ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

Scotland have uncovered a series of ancient settlements ranging from the Neolithic to the Dark Ages, and including some of the most important evidence for ancient dwellings and agriculture yet detected

The sites include defended communities on the coast and in lakes, and well-preserved ancient landscapes in the heart of the Highlands.

Among the earliest discov-eries are evidence of farming on the isle of Arran more than 5,000 years ago, and also in the Hebrides at a similar date. Machrie Moor on Arran has yielded pollen cores showing cereal grains dating to around 3400BC, but human interference with the natural vegetation goes back three millennia earlier, to 6550BC, when Mesolithic settlers began to clear small patches in the forest.

On North Uist, an artificial islet in Loch Olabhat has proved to be a Neolithic farmstead with eleven successive periods of occupation. Waterlogging has preserved grain, seeds and hazelnuts, as well as a piece of rope. The islet, named Eilean Domhnuill, seems to have been an artificial "crannog" constructed in the shallow water of the lake to afford protection. A wood-

RECENT excavations in en causeway led to a fenced enclosure housing dwellings and stock pens.

A dramatic contrast in location can be seen in coeval settlements, of Iron Age to medieval date, which have been mapped in Glenshee in north-east Perthshire. Situated high up the glen, the lack of modern disturbance has left hut-circles and field-systems clearly visible on the surface. Long subrectangular buildings with a sunken floor at one end may be the dwellings of the clusive Picts, but until one is excavated close

dating is impossible. No such problems are attached to the Viking houses around Birsay Bay on Orkney, but settlement has proved to be far denser than originally thought. The most controversial discovery made in recent years has been be-low the church of St Magnus; where an earlier structure may be the "minster dedicated to Christ" by Earl

Thorfinn the Mighty. Also on Orkney a Norse horizontal watermill of the eleventh or twelfth century has been found at Earl's Bu, near the famous round church of Orphir overlooking

Source Current Archaeology 127: 284-307.

Scapa Flow.

Floral tributes to be sent to Sargeanis Funeral Services. Church Street, Stough. Memorial service on January 24th at 12 noon St Mary's Church for all friends.

John.

BUTTERWORTH - On January 9th at Beschill. Plorence, aged 93, widow of Sidney John. Buflerworth. Cremation at Eastbourne on Monday January 20th at 11.30 art. Family flowers only. Enduties to Musumery.

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Thursday January 16th at
11 am, Family flowers only,
donations can be made to the
British Heart Foundation.

Bus GER On IRVINE - On January 8th 1992, to Beth and Ron, two beautiful daughters. Alexandra Claire and Sarah Elizabeth Elizabeth.

KAYE - On January 11th at the Humana Hospital Wellington. to David and Jane a son, Miles Joseph.

KOJHMA - On January 7th at 10.22 pm. to Makoto and Tomino. a beautiful daughter. Erica.

LEIGH - On January 10th 1992 at the Humana Hospital Wellington. to Douglas and Amanda. a daughter. Francesca Vale Rose Leigh.

LOWSLEY-WELLIAMS - On British Heart Foundation.

BULGER - On January 13th
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wife of His Honour Anthony
Bulger and mother of
Patrick, Juna, Michael and
Caroline, The funeral service
will take place at the Church
of St Mery, Forthampton, on
Monday January 20th at
John.

LOWSLEY-WILLIAMS - On January 12th, to Lucy (née Wesson) and George, a son, a brother for Emily and Katle, MEADOWS - On January 10th at home, to Susan and Maithew, a son, Francis Patrick Daniel, a brother for

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Cremation at Newport at 12 noon on January 17th.
Family flowers only but donations may be sent to PDSA.
GHIBUS EX. STARTON - On January 7th, to Clare (nee Dean' and James, a daughter, Camilla. daughter. Cracke ross.

TARRY - On January 12th, at
The Portland Hospital, to
Georgina (née Cakes) and
Rick a son, Richard James, a
brother for Chice and Olivia. PDSA.

CHUDLEY - On Monday
January 13th. Diana.
beloved wife of Michael
mother of mine and mother to
three. peacefully at home
safer, a long illness borne
with the highest. courage.
Funeral, January 17th at AB
Saints Church. Brizworth at
11am. Family flowers only,
donations, if desired to the
Ethel Floyd Foundation,
Highysis House. Creaton.
Northamptonshire.

CLANCEY - On January 13th.

TOPPING - On December Stat 1991. to Mish (née Thorpe) and Crispin, a beautifui daughter Phoebe Louise Jamet, welcome to the world. UNDERHILL - On January 10th, to isabella (née Forbes) and William, a daughter. WALSH - On Jamuary 13th; in Stamford, Connecticus, USA, to Miranda (née Wiggin) and Graham, twins: WILSON - On January 4th, to Jame (née Hughes) and Nick, a daughter, Alexandra

GOLDEN \* ANNIVERSARIES.

WE-BERESFORD-PEIRSE On 14th James 1942 at Michael's, Almwick, Peter Anne, Still at Tamerton. ABLETT - On January 12th, Norman Ernest, beloved

flowers only. Donations if wished to Leukasmia Research Fund. Funeral on Thursday January 16th at 10,30 am. All enguitles to SEMMETT - On December 24th 1991. psacefully at home, Helle Margrethe, aged 78. Belaved wife of Alfred Peto Bennett and dearly loved mother of Thrine and

**JAN 14** 

Priday January 17th at-Meditead Parish Church. Family flowers only please. Donations welcome to

1992, after a short liness, Kitty (Doris Evelyn), widow

of Alan, of Swinbrook. Oxon. Puneral Service on Friday January 17th at 11am at Swinbrook Church.

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Northamptonshire.
CLANICEY On January 13th, peacefully at his Seisey home, James Cyril. O.B.E.
B.E.M. A.F.I.W.E.M.,
F.R.S.H., aged 81 years, brother of Stella. Roper.
Finneral at Chichester Cremetorium at 12.30 pin on Thursday January 16th.
Family Gowers only, donatons if desired to 8.N.L.L. c/o F.A. Rolland & Son, 1 'New Parade. Figh Street, Seisey, West Stases, tel: 10243) 602764.

CONWAY - On January 13th, Cradr. Simon Conway (RN rerd), aged 60. Greatly loved husband of Phylis and adored father of Kinnoy and Kirsty. Funeral private, Doostions, if desired, to Cardiac Unit, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

CRICHTON - On January

10th, tregically in a road accident, Joan Fenella (Susie), very beloved wife of David and adored mother of Fenella and Crartes and mother-in-law of Hatty and grandmother of Chartotte and Jestica Pumeral at Son.

ON THIS DAY

This bizarre piece of unbridled adulation must have been circulating long before it appeared in The Times; the previous year was not one of "twenty victories" and Napoleon's fortunes were to col-lapse in April with his abdication. Its content and style make one

PAPER SECRETLY CIRCULATED IN S. FRANCE.

ADDRESS OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE TO THE EMPEROR NAPOLEON

Sire, - The different authorities which have harangued you in the name of the numerous people whose felicity your beneficent genius secures, have not fulfilled to our satisfaction the great duty which was imposed upon them. Their eloquence has been feeble; they have plunged into the commonplaces of a vulgar adulation. They have compared you to great men, whereas there is nothing of humanity in you; to Caesar, while your prudence, worthy companion of your heroic temerity, has constrained you to play the part of

Pharnaces... We have tempered our souls to the same degree of hardness as the triple bronze which envelops your own. We have made the secrifice of 450,000 heroes, who in three months have done their duty. The terrors of the feeble sex, and the delusive rhodomontades of our enemies, exaggerate our losses in vain. We know positively, that at the end of December the Russians had in their hands 170,000 prisoners, of whom 41 are Generals, and 1,200 Officers. These are still alive. You will go to deliver them, and will bring them back triumphant; dragging also in your chains those

barbarous Cossacks. Be assured, Sire! that nothing can ever will exist, a second Napoleon!"

1814 equal our sentiments towards you. We shall enjoy the fetes which you are preparing for us, with the innocent simplicity which characterises all your faithful subjects. We have no country but you. The great Napoleon is our Moses our Mahomet - our Mango-Capac. You have lost 400,000 men. Fear not, that, imitating the example of the weak Augustus, we should exclaim - VARUS, GIVE US BACK OUR LEGIONS! On the contrary, give the order, and we will double we will triple those happy victims of your glory. Take our children, urselves, our property: all is yours.

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England... We conclude this humble address, the expression of vows the most ardent and sincere, by the urgent prayer which we make to you, that you would often shew yourself in the Senate, where your person is as sacred as that of Romulus in the senate of Rome; that you would appear at our fetes, in our amusements, in our spectacles, of which you are too rare an ornament, and above all that you would isbour with

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DEATHS HOLLAND - On January 12th 1992, at his home in Kettering, William Holland M.R.C.V.S., aged 62 years. Private companion

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FERRAR-ROCHAT - On January, 11th In Geneva, Ursula, after an illness borne with great courage. Funeral Service at the Russian Orthodox Churth, rue Toepffer, Ceneva, at 12.15 on Wednesday January, 18th. Her body resis at the Chapelle de la Cluse, 89 bd. de la Cluse, Geneva.

FYFE - On January 9th. Marigold, betoved wife of the late lan Fyfe and much loved mother of Marigold Ann. Ceoffrey and Rowens. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

GARRATT - On January 11th

HAMHITON - On January 10th 1992. Sir Pairick George Hamilton. Baronet: suddenly at his home in. Cambridge aged 83 years, dearty loved husband of Ptr. beloved uncle of John, Janua part Mary and coretamic of

child of Henry Price Holford and Margaret Frances Holford. Cremation Service at Hereford Crematorium, 12,30 pm Friday January 17th 1992.

EDWARDS - On Ja

EDWARDS - On January
12m 1992, peacefully after a
long ilmess, Dephue Grace
(race Cooke-Hazie), formerly
of Broomshill, Harriord,
hybridge, Much loved wife
of Commander Dick
Edwards and mother of
Francis, Martin, Andrew and
peter and a loved
grandmother. Funecal Service at the Parish Church of
SI John, hybridge, on Friday
January 17th at 11 am, fallowed by private cremation,
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Acuering. Northants. lei: (0536) 85636.
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Jamuary 22nd at St
Matthew's Church, New
Kenl Road, SE1 at 2 pm. Cut
flowers only please.

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13th, peacefully in hospital
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MARSTON - On Jamesry 10th, Maurice, husband of Joan and father of Diana and Simon, Captain Czech

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and father of Derek, Jamice
and Victoria and dear son of
Bob and Margarat. Funeral
Service at St Paul's Church.
Hadley Wood, Barnet. at
12.30 pm on Friday January
17th - followed by private
interment attended by family
and family invites only.
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Bidborouga, Weils. PLATT - On January 12th, peacefully at her home in loan, loved and

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psacefully at Fieldhouse.
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WOODS - On January 10th 1992, peacefully in hospital. of Prestatyn. Wiffrid aged 92 years (formerly an engineer with the Tanganylica, Trinidad and Sierra Leone Railways), dearly loved husband of Kallnieen and loving Poppa of Ann. Helen and Lucy. Pimeral on Thursday January 16th. Service at the parish church, Prestatyn. Family Rowers only please. Donations if so desired to The St Kentigern Hospice Appeal Fund. Donations and further enquiries to Peter Roberts & Son. Pendre Square. Prestatyn. 1et: 0745-857868. WOODS - On January 100

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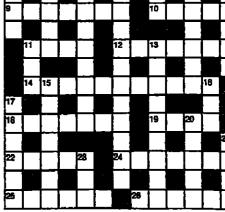
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THE BRIDGE (12): Vapid British costume drama about a Victorian wile's summer affair, from Magge Hemingway's novel, With Saskia Reeves, David O'Hara, Director, Syd McCartney

McCanner: Futham Road (071-370) 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) HELLO, HEMINGWAY; Young girl's problems with education and fami-havana, 1856 Refreshing, bitter-s Cuban drama; director, Fernando ICA Cinema (071-930 3847).

LIEBESTRAUM (18): Make Figgis's dark, wild tale of love, death and castion architecture infocicating at first, but yeaves creep in Starring Kevin Anderson, Pemele Golley, Kim Novak Cannons; Full hard (171-370) 2533; Startinghur August (171-370) 2533; Startinghur August (171-370) 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-636 6861) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

MERCI LA VIE (18): Time-hopping adventures of two rampaging girl (Cherlotte Gainsbourg, Anouk Grinberg) Strained variation on Bertrand Blier's first hit, Les Convier Plaza (071-485 2443)

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BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay. n Anouih's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarker, SW1 (071-930 8900), Mon-Sa1, 7,30pm, mats Wed. Sat, 3pm 165mins

☐ THE CABINET MINISTER: Derek and Maureen Lipman in a snob bish, largely unturny Pinero comedy Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-

II A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Old feshioned, une-citing version of Scrooge's big riight out: Ron Pember adapted and plays the miser. Sedier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), Tues, 10.15am, Wed, 10.15am and 2pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7pm, Fn, 7pm, Sat, 2:30pm and 7pm, Sun, 2:30pm and 6pm, 120min □ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: 9nan

Friet's Clivier Award-winning memory play, set in 1930s Donegal, returns with a new cast Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 150mins. A DYBBUK FOR TWO PEOPLE:

Bruce Myers, Comme Jaber play many roles in this Yiddish tale of the supernatural. Accomplished, intense Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre. NW3 (071-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat

[] AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droft look at fantasies of a woman married to a Duchess, Caltherine Street, London WC2 (071-494 5075) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat. 6pm and 8 45pm, 130mms. THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry Foster is obsessed with making an in millionaire (Tony Doyle) into the new

Gigli in Tom Murphy's powerful fable. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359

THE MARVELLOUS BOY: Public

GISELLE: The Royal Ballet revives Peter Wright's production of what is probably the most famous ballet of the Romantic era. First produced at the Romantic eral. First produced at the Paris Opera in 1841, the ballet tells the slory of Graelle, a gentile peasant gri driven to her grave by the betrayal of her anstocratic lover. The Royal's leading ballerine, Leeley Coffier, takes the trile role in toright's performance. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1086), 7.30pm

CINDERELLA: Scottish Ballet brangs its revival of Peter Darrell's production to Aberdeen, where it was premiered in 1979. This tary-tale ballet is choreographed to Rosemi's music from his opera La Cenerantola. Balletina. Norko Chara takes the lead in londril is predium performance, while Norwo Chairs takes the lead in lonight's opening performance, while next Saturday evening brings Vincent Hantam's farewell performance after 16 years with Scottlah Ballet. His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemouni Vieduct, Aberdeen (0224 641122), 7 45pm.

ack DER FERNE KLANG: Opera North, in essociation with the Manchester Fashwel of Expressionism, brings Franz Schreker's experimental opera Der Ferne Klang (The Distant Sound), Irist seen in 1912, to the British stage in a new transfatron by Paul Daniel. The a new translation by Paul Daniel. The opera is about a composer who leaves his grifinend to go in search of a "lost chord" and eventually fixeds her again working for a brothel. The distin-gurshed mezzo-soprano Brigitte Fassbander is the director and Daniel also conducts. The designat are by Litz and the large cast includes Kim

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Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

♦ FLIRTING (12). Steps to maturity at segregated Ausore boarding schools in 1965. Delightfut sequel to The Year My

Voice Brake from director John Dulga With Noah Taylor, Thandie Newton. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2836)

MATADOR (18) Murder high (88hion

MATADOM (19) Nurger, night leaders and anti-Catholic jibes from the animitable Padro Almodôver; made in 1986 Assumpta Sema and Nacho Martinez as a chic lawyer and builfighter obsessed with love and death. Metro (071-437 0757)

otographs bring emotional replications, intrigueng tertainment from new Australian rector Jocetyn Moorhouse, With

Hugo Weaving, Genevieve Picol. Ranoir (071-837 8402).

RIGOLETTO (PG): Paysrotti fulls the bush notes, but Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's

RIGOLETTO (PG) Pavsrotti nuis tra-high notes, but Jean-Pornelle's film of Verdi's opera remains resolutely stagebound. Made for television in 1983. With Ingvar Wirsel, Edita Gruberovs, and Riccardo Chally conducting the Vienna Philharmonic Barbican (071-538 8891)

SUBURBAN COMMANDO (PG):

stling star Hulk Hogan as a gal rior at large in suburbia. Starrk

ector, Burt Kennedy. sons: Kensington (0426 914666) zzanine (0426 915683)

TOTO THE HERO (15): Jaunty, absurds; correctly about youth, old age and life's disappointments from

and life's disappointments from latented new Belgian director Jaco van Dormael. With Michel Bouquet, Thomas Godet. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

clumsy, foul-mouthed thriller extracted from Sara Paretaky's detective novels.

with Kathleen Turner as the street-imant leminist sleuth Director, Jeff

Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) Kensington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

Edward Bond's " comedy" of rage and

National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm, 145mms.

SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve

of Duke Ellington Obvicus routines cannot disguise the true rueful Duke. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065), Mon-Fri, 6pm, Sat. 8 30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat. 5pm 130mms.

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two marks in likeable inbute to Cole

LI A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pulms in likeable inbuts to Cole Porter's wit and wry melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WCZ (071-836 9987) Mon-Fn, Spin, Sat, 8,30pm, mats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 5,30pm, 140mms

BROTHERS: Lively parade of functul oldes Good fun Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119) Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fn, Sat. 6 15pm and 9pm, 120m/ns

☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES

V. I. WARSHAWSKI (15) Dingy.

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PROOF (15): A blind man's

Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Minema (071-235 4225).

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where Indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

#### CURRENT

♦ THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG). Testy feast of black humour, inspired by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles Addams's mecabre carloons Starring Raud Julia, Anjelica Huston, Christopher Lloyd, director, Barry Cannons: Baker Street (D71-935) 9772) Cheisas (071-935 9972) Cheisas (071-935 995) Odeo Kenshgton (0426 914666) Odeon West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

♦ THE COMMITMENTS (15). Ha bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, tunny, and buoyantly played by a formation played by a largely amaleur cast Director, Alan Parker. Camden Parkeway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683).

◆ CURLY SUE (PG). Con man and moppet win the heart of a corporate attorney. Ugly mix of stapatick and sentiment, with a resimble chief star (Alsan Porter). With James Belsahi, Kelly Lynch, director, John Hughes Cannona: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-836 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ DELICATESSEN (15) French video whizzkids Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully bizarre (antaxy about a houseful of tenents living above a cannibalistic butcher Dominique Pinon, Mario-Laure Dougnac. Cannons: Chelsea (071-325 5096) Tottenham Court Road (871-536 6148) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366). DELICATESSEN (15) French video

ENCHANTED APRIL (U) Four Englishwomen share an Italian value in the 1920s, witty lines, fine

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

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performances in a jumpled play Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm, 120mms MURMURING JUDGES: David Here tackles our rotting legal system gaps in the contest but a powerful

National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Thurs, 7 15pm, mat remorrow, 2pm, 165mins ☐ THE MYSTERIE OF MARIA MARTEN: Chris Bond's entertaining delective comedy re-opens a famous delective comedy re-opens a lami 19th-century murder case. Warehouse, Dingwali Road, East

Croydon (081-680 4060) Tues-Sat, 8pm 135mins. ☐ ONCE A CATHOLIC: Welcome return of Mary J. O'Malley's romping comedy about convent girls growing up between nuns and teddy boys Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6

(071-328 1000) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mar Sat 4pm 150mms PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the ord thirder tun by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but oy Orendan, Verdian of Week out not Lloyd-Webber. Shaftesbury, Snaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (971-379 5399), Mon-Fn, 7.30pm Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs. 3pm, Sat, Spm 150mms

☐ THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Torn Conti argues the case for bigamy. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm 150mins.

THE SEA: Judy Dench splendid as the village grande-dame in revival of

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right Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351/440971), 7.15pm CHRISTMAS EVE: David Pountney's

CHRISTMAS EVE: David Pountney's production brings back Rimsky-kinsaktor's version of Gogol's tale about the bizarre yuletide goings on it Ukrainian village. Folkey, absurd and more beautiful than most peritornimes. Christmas Eve makes a wonderful introduction to the world of opera for children. Michael Lloyd conducts the perulitimate performance by English National Opera this season. Colliseum. St. Martin's Lime, London. WCZ (071-863.161), 7.30pm.

GULSIN ONAY: Turtiesh premist Gulsin Crisy makes her London debut as part of the South Bank's "International Plano Series", performing pieces by Turkah composer Ahmet Adnan Saygun (1907-1991) with works by Bartôk, Franck and Ravel Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8900), 7.45pm

THE CEZANNE SYNDROME: Love. praised at its Old Red Lion try-out last year Fine performance to try-out last present at the performance by Nick Suttor year Fine performance by Nick Suttor in the tead. The play begins previews toright and opens on Finday. Finborough, 118 Finborough Road, London SW10 (071-373 3842), 8pm.

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# Delicacy that stays fresh

OPERA Xerxes

THE deck chairs are out again on the greensward, the much-hymned plane tree has survived the elements, and the bosky groves of Nicholas Hytner's award-winning Handel production still provide as many green thoughts in their green shade as they did seven vears ago.

Coliseum

Xerxes has not been seen here since 1988, though English National Opera took the production to the Soviet Union on its 1990 tour. The witticisms of double-vision by Hytner and his designer David Fielding are as sharp as ever. The king's military and amorous escapades are played out in the context of a virtually omnipresent and sombre 18th-century public, diligent in their perusal of the latest museum exhibit, be it a giant sphinx, an ostrich egg - or even a model Hellespont bridge. Whether we are in Vauxhall Gardens or Persepolis is both uncertain and deliciously irrelevant.

Threading in and out of these aesthetic and intellectual toys, there are still moments of wonder aplenty. faithfully recaptured and recreated by the revival producer, Julia Hollander. This stylish and ironic marriage of Art and Nature enables a nice, and entirely Handelian, undercurrent of mockery and self-mockery in the characters' behaviour and in their perception of their relationships.

Counterpointing the delight of the eye, Ivor Bolton's musical direction from the pit is supple and sentient. Although it is a little less expansive than that of Sir Charles Mackerras, in whose footsteps he follows, there is a new taumess and brightness so that the felicities of Sir Charles's own edition surprise with joy all over

THEATRE

The Chance

Man in the Moon, Chelsea

SUPPOSE Juliet had gone into

downtown Verona one afternoon.

and come back looking and sounding

like her nurse, but with her own mind,

heart and spirit intact. Would Romeo

be entitled to reject her as an alien

being? You may reasonably reply that

the real world presents us with quite

enough ethical conundrums and

emotional dilemmas without some-

one having to invent one so obviously

unreal; but I suppose it could be argued that it vestigially raises the question of what it is that people love

in each other. At any rate, it is at the

centre of the play that Tom Grieves

nas adapted from a short story by

The futuristic setting is a Britain

that has been hijacked by space

invaders who, for reasons never made

altogether clear, have instituted a

"genetic lottery". Successful punters may swap their old bodies for new

ones: a trade-off that a sci-fi counter-

part of our own Workers Revolu-

tionary Party is exploiting in typically

perverse style. Its middle-class mem-

bers, a celebrated actress among

them, think it moral to acquire a

proletarian look, the more gruesome

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Peter Carey.

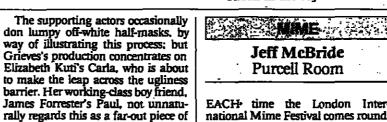
again. A pair of recorders call forth the muse within five minutes of curtain up; the plucking pulse of harpsichord and the charcoal line of baroque cello add their voices to poor Arsamene's despair.

Coming straight from the most dutiful of opera seria, Mozart's Mitridate at Covent Garden. Ann Murray and Yvonne Kenny fall easily, and no doubt gratefully, into Handel's gentle send-up of the genre. Murray's long reign as Xerxes (she has been with the production from its inception) grows ever more happy and glorious. The king's emotional vicissitudes, from nonchalance to petulance through to sculpturesmashing rage, are tracked in the voice with unflagging energy and imagination.

Yvonne Kenny it is who, as Romilda, becomes the real thorn in the royal flesh. Hauteur, disappointment and uncertainty flash through a voice the equal to her wooer's in range and stamina. Her sister, Atalanta, with Norman Bailey's trusty Ariodates, is the other newcomer to the cast: Rosa Mannion takes over where Lesley Garrett left off, and a refreshingly wide eyed and whimsical creature she is too.

As the tussle for partners continues apace, tormenting the grey and pamphlet-reading crowd and causing ancient Persepolis to recede ever further into the distance, Jean Rigby's Amastris and Christopher Robson's Arsamenes valiantly return to their roles. Rigby, perhaps suffering temporarily from a cold, seemed a little more vocally dejected than she has cause to be. But, as the run continues, she will doubtless match Robson's flamboyant counter-tenor in righteous indignation. Thursday's performance, by the way, will be, for the first time at the Coliseum, signed for the deaf and hard of hearing.

HILARY FINCH



slumming and spends the bulk of the evening fighting her decision. The play contrives to fast-forward time yet to be narrated in flashback; so we sense from the beginning that he fails in this endeavour. By the end it would seem that, looking not unlike the Nurse in Romeo and Juliet, Carla has been partly responsible for the rout of

those inter-galactic colonists.

Is the play on the side of surly Paul or pretty Carla? Is it for or against its revolutionaries? Is it an attack on lookism, the latest of the many sins that the Americans have recently been inventing for us, or on the lunacies of the politically correct themselves? For what it's worth, the answers are ambivalent. The trouble is that the questions do not seem vastly to matter. That may be because they are posed in so far-fetched a way, or because the writing sometimes becomes florid (a perfectly ordinary river must be "a melancholy window floating at my feet"), or because the Late Lunch Theatre Company's acting is somewhat uneven; or, of course, for all those reasons. Caveat emptor.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Thorn in the royal flesh: Yvonne Kenny as Romilda in Xerxes

EACH time the London International Mime Festival comes round, the boundaries of mime have expanded a little. This year's formight of shows, playing at half a dozen venues, includes groups who contort their faces and a troupe who are said to act with their knees. Some mimes remain silent, others speak as many words as they might in a play, and yet others will probably utter those curious yip-yip noises like the warning notes of excited birds. And there is Jeff McBride, who wears a score of masks and, whatever else he may be, is a conjurer of genius.

American, 40 or thereabouts, with strong, dancer's legs and a habit of standing with feet astride like an upturned Y, his face, when at last he shows it, is faintly smiling and strangely androgynous. At his first appearance his black riding coat gives him a Byronic air, and as he stalks and stamps around the stage his hands pull the white mask from his face to reveal another mask below it; covering this with a third, he pulls it off to reveal a fourth. One mask is golden, another is a skull; a green one becomes red although his hands are nowhere near it. The speed of the transformations is exhilarating.

Likewise his agility with cards. These behave like animate creatures, vanishing into his ears and emerging on his tongue. At last he stands holding out hands that are empty but which somehow shoot cards like bullets over our heads.

He plays with metal rings, laps at fire-tipped swords, drains bowls that mysteriously fill with water, he worked gracefully with a game lad from the audience. But evidently these tricks with fire and water are meant to be felt as something metaphysical, part New Age, part al-chemy, with McBride now wearing a fraved tunic like a court card on leave from a tarot pack.

The scrunchy and sonorous music accompanying his earlier feats has turned to chants in praise of Mother Earth. He may wholeheartedly believe in this, and so may his comely know that what he calls "magic" is really legerdemain - highly accomplished but nothing to do with the secret lore of the pyramids. You gotta have a gimmick.

What stays in the memory is not the dubious message of "spiritual liberation" but the material discipline, the split-second timing and a delicacy of imagination that can create a trick from two paper flowers and a Japanese fan, where the beating of one keeps the others high aloft, fluttering like courting butterflies.

JEREMY KINGSTON

#### CONCERT

identifying with the oppressed.

Composers Ensemble/ Asbury St John's, Smith Square

ODD to find a contemporary concert where the toughest music is by Oliver Knussen. But the Composers Ensemble carries over some of the affability of the composer who is one of its directors. John Woolrich, and the Knussen was an early piece, his Rosary Songs, setting three of Trakl's poems in an appropriately seared, moonlit style. There were, 100, a

couple of other Knussen pieces with an easier charm, both of them for wind quintet: Three Little Fantasies and a Perotin arrangement done with extraordinary care and nice wit.

Two more composers were discovered wandering in the Middle Ages: Salvatore Sciarrino with an arrangement of the beautiful Machaut rondeau Rose, liz, for flute, clarinet, viola. bassoon and cello (an odd thing: this would just have been normal practice 30 years ago), and Dominic Muldowney with a much more reconstructed version of another Machaut piece, the Hoquetus David, making it into something like a sonata movement by Debussy.

This brightly variegated programme also had a thread of folk music, running conspicuously through Berio's disarming recent double-bass song Psy, which sounds like an offcut from one of his Sicilian fantasies, and Woolrich's Berceuse, as much elegy as lullaby, but tender, watchful and protective, with a so-prano (Mary Wiegold) singing detached phrases against a warm instrumental melody before the music turns to look in a colder direction in a coda featuring oboe and percussion.

But the fast movers here were Philip Cashian and Colin Matthews, the former with a brilliant piece flinging a clarinet up (especially up) and down

against efforts by vibraphone and solo strings to catch and stay with it. This Blue Circus, owing its title to Chagall. is well made and dramatic, and no doubt could profit from a bit more rehearsal than Alan Hacker and Stefan Asbury, the conductor, had allowed.

Finally there was Matthews's Fuga. a torrent running through a conquistador landscape alongside his major narrative piece on this theme. The Great Journey. Both these works, as well as a marvellous Pessoa setting, can be found on a new Virgin CD.

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Opposing teams: Graham Gooch and Liz McColgan (8.30pm)

8.30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman, This week lan Botham and Bill Beaumont are joined by Frank Bruno, Liz McColgan, Graham Gooch and Jo Durie. (Ceefax) (s) (3820) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

9.30 Spender. Drama series starring Jimmy Nail as an unorthodox

10.25 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are

Firm 92 with Barry Normain. Among the time reviewed are Frankie and Johnny, Billy Bathgate and Little Man-Tate. The guests are award-winning film makers Joel and Ethan Coen (s) (7-19578).

10.55 Film: Compromising Positions (1985) staring Susan Serandon and Raul Julia. Mystery comedy, based on the novel by Susan Isaacs, about a one-time newspaper reporter, now a bored housewife, who decides to liven up her file by investigating the murder of a philandering dentist. Directed by Frank Perry (46369296).

12.30cm Weether (6703931) Wates: Film 92 1.00 News and weather.

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undercover policemen in this episods working in a glass factory to keep an eye on a suspected armed robber when a victous gang war breaks out. (Ceefax) (s) (648849) Wales: Week in Week Out

12.55 Regional News and weather (72831375) 1.96 One O'Clock News and weather (11998)

Gema. Fergus Keeling introduces highlights from the Natural History Unit archives (7848795)

when Micholas Witchell and Jill Dando present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and travel bulletins (80310733)

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(90066) 12.30 Business Deily. Financial news and analysis (42917) 1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (30172)
2.00 Film: Appointment with Venus (1952, b/w) starring David Niven.

Glynis Johns and Kenneth More. Second world war comedy about an Allied plan to rescue a pregnant pedigree cow from a Nazr-cocupied Channel Island. Directed by Ralph Thomas (951135) 3.35 Matador Magoo. Cartoon starring the myopic hero (6616172)
3.45 Third Wave with Mavis Nicholson. Senes aimed at the over-55s Today life in an Israeli kibbutz is examined. (Teletext) (2075882)

4.30 Countdown (356)
5.00 tt's a Dog's Life. This second in the series looking at all canine aspects investigates the world of the snifter dog and its invaluable

assistance in the war against drug smuggling (r) (8511)

5.30 Dramarama: Look at Me. The story of the triendship between two boys, one of whom is deaf. Starring Hywell Witliam-Elis and Ben Mark (r). (Teletext) (608) 6.00 My Two Dads. American cornedy series about two bachelors who

inherit a 12-year-old grf (849)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Video games series presented by Dominick Diamond. Today boxer Gary Mason challenges an arcade champion (801)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) Weather (929443)

7.50 Comment (112795) 8.00 Brother Felix and the Virgin Saint. The second of a three-part series tracing the epic journey of a 15th-century German Dominican monk on a mission to touch the bones of the Virgin Saint Catherine of Alexandria (4795)

8.30 Nature Watch: Jane Goodall's Chimp Crusade. A documentary following the chimp's champ as she visits sanctuaries in Africa and Dorset for animals saved from a life as a Spanish beach photographer's prop (r). (Teletext) (6530)



Emancipated: Honor Blackman with Patrick Macnee (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walts: J'Accuse - St Paul's Cathedral (3424) and The Avengers (22153).

● CHOICE: In a double-headed edition Without Walls lets the modernist architect Maxwell Hutchinson loose on St Paul's Cathedral and mounts an affectionate tribute to television's The Avengers. Hutchinson's contribution to the J'Accuse slot is an indictment of St Paul's as a medieval botch and a ratiying point for those who want to consign Britain to a sterile museum culture, it is a lively polemic, though the views of anyone who can call the National Theatre building "subtle" must be treated sceptically. The item on The Avengers is composed entirely of interviews with its stars, writers and directors and admirably recaptures the flavour and development of a fondly-remembered series. The biggest innovation of this stylish and often surreal show was Honor Blackman's Cathy Gale, who for all her erotic black leather can

claim to be one of the small screen's first emancipated women

Film: Adam — His Song Continues (1986) starring Daniel

J. Travanti and JoBeth Williams. A made-for-television sequel to

Adam continues the story of the parents of a six-year-old boy who was kidnapped from a California department store. In this drama the boy's parents tackle the problem of recovering missing children and the husband is asked to become a consultant to the newly-created National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children. Directed by Robert Markowitz (529511)

11.45 Empty Nest. American comedy series starring Richard (Soap)

Mulligan (782645)

12.15am Return to the Dome. Highlights of the music from Friday at the Dome. Including Alexander O'Neel and Massive Attack (s) (1693931). Ends at 12.55

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n. 6.00 TV-am (6605646)

9.25 Keynotes Music quiz for teams, hosted by Alistair Divell (8465240) 9.55 Thames News (6047066)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (5184530)

10.40 This Morning. Family magazine senes presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan Today's edition includes items on consumer affairs, family finance and taw, and cookery ideas. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (3278085)

12.10 Tressure Box. Early learning series (9663882)
12.30 News (Oracle) Weather (5238998) 1.10 Thames News (39875998)
1.20 Home and Away Australian family drama serial (Oracle)
(61203511) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drame serial set in

an Australian outback fown (s) (60270085) 2.20 Vive in Difference. The first of a six-part series in . . . iich people swap ifestyles for the day with their European counterparts. Today, Cumbrian housewife, mother and teacher Annette Gibb, who cannot speak a word of Italian, travels to Milan to live the Ife of Attilia Debermaci (68939117) 2.50 Families. Soap linking the north

of England with Australia (1307171) 3.15 TN News headlines (4893820) 3.20 Themes News headlines (4890733) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama

serial (6159172)
3.55 Josie Smith. Adventures of a little grif (8499882) 4.05 Dianey's Duck Tales. Cartoon (4865714) 4.30 Cartson. With Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd and Bugs Bunny (5826545)



Dinner for two: Dexter Fletcher and Julia Sawalha (4.40pm)

4.49 Press Gang. Award-winning young people's drama serial set on a children's newspaper staming Julia Sawelha and Dexter Fletcher (5627917)

(5527917)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, hosted by Bob Holness (\$775646)
5.40 News (Oracle) Weather (545153)
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of volunteer bureaux (880240)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (207)
6.20 Thamas News (559)

7.00 Emmerdate. Bucolic soap set in the Yorkshire Dales (5743)

7.30 Voyager — The World of National Geographic: All Aboard Zaire's Amazing Bazaar. Photographer Bob Caputo travels by steamer along the Zaire river (443)

8.00 The Bill: Lip Service. While enjoying an off duty pint at his local DC Lines becomes involved in a scuffle between two men and gets a fat lip for his trouble. The landlady tells him that the men concerned seem to be running a business illegelly from the premises but her husband is reluctant to do anything about it. (Oracle) (6153) 8.30 The Upper Hand, Comedy series starring Joe McGann as a male

housekeeper with a female employer (s) (5288)

9.00 Jack the Ripper. The second part of the drama about the Whitechapel murderer. Staming Michael Caine, Armand Assante and Jane Seymour. Concludes after the news (r) (7733)

10.00 News at Ten (Oracle) Weather (93153) 10.30 Themes News 10.40 Jack the Ripper continued (683207) 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drame series set in a women's

remand centre (963240)

12.30am Video View. The latest vide releases reviewed by Mariella Frostrup (54844) 1.30 Shady Tales. Short story series starring Adam Faith (r) (8834739)
1.40 The Equalizer. The first of a two-part story in which the

investigator disappears leaving behind him a trail of blood. Starring Edward Woodward (1726738)

2.30 Donahue. Phil Donahue tries to discover what drives men to

commit rape (86221)
3.30 60 Minutes. Award-winning American news magazine (65738)
4.30 Entertainment Lik. A guide to the country's entertainment scene

Sick of the environment a victim wears an oxygen mask (9.50pm)

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8.00 Breakfast News (1419172) 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of

.8.30 Antiques at Home. Michael Newman visits A la Ponde, a circular

9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes (7872066) 2.00 News and weather (18567172) followed by You and Me (/)

(70089066)
2.15 In the Garden. Dennis Comish with advice on what is to be done

2.30 See Heart Magazine series for the hearing impaired (r) (424)
3.00 News and weather (4883443) followed by Westminster Live, introduced by Vivian White (6683820) 3.59 News, regional news

4.00 Catchword. Fast-moving word game hosted by Paul Coia (284)
4.30 A Little Piece of England. Sir Anthony Quayle narrates the story
of a peer's fight to preserve his crumbling ancestral home in Avon

(r) (288) 5.00 behind the Headlines: With Robert Robinson and Loyd

5.30 Old Garden, New Gardener. Geoff Hamilton and Gay Search with

advice for the novice gardener (r). (Ceefax) (240) 6.00 Film: Uncte Tom's Cabin (1987) starting Avery Brooks, Phyticia Rashad and Bruce Dem. A made-for-television version of Harriel

Stan Latter (SCSEZER)
7.50 Learning to Fail.

© CLOCE Taking up the theme of last week's contribution from Sir Claus Moser, the two-part enquiry into British education concludes by looking at why so many children leave school at 16 feeling that the system has falled them. International comparisons are instructive. In Germany 83 per cent of youngsters are still in full-time education at 18, in France 69 per cent. The British figure is 55 and 17 the British custom is Stanged to the Olympic Germes.

Grossman. The guests are Germaine Great and Carol Thatcher

Beacher Stowe's classic novel about the courageous Uncle Rom who risks his life to help other slaves obtain freedom. Directed by Stan Lathan (58592288)

per cent. The British system is likened to the Olympic Games, which creams off the best and leaves the rest as spectators. The analogy for Continental countries is the London Marathon, an event for all ages and abilities with no losers. An instructive and

non-partisan analysis is underpinned by a survey in which British children reveal why they leave school early and reports on the very different educational philosophies of France and Germany

4.30 Food and Drink. Healthy school meals come under the microscope, Antonio Carluccio dinea sumptuously with Egon Roney in Budapest; and there is a recipe for pasta with a rich Mediterranean fish sauce (s) (1462)

9.00 Cuantian Leap. Starring Scott Bakula as a time-travelling scientist. In this episode he enters the world of the supernatural

(Ceefax) (s) (863795)
9.50 40 Minutes: When the Canaries Stop Singing

when he becomes a university ghostbuster assigned to protect a young woman from the deranged spirit of her late husband.

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• CHOICE: They could be mistaken for a bunch of nutters. There is the woman who always sleeps out of doors, even in the middle of winter. There is a man dressed only in white cotton solarmly hanging his mail on the washing line to get nid of the chemical furnes from the type. There are people who go shopping with masked faces and oxygen tanks. They are among the first victims of a newly recognised libress, brought on by contact with chemicals in the everyday environment. John Edgington's film reports from a small Texas town in which sufferers have settled in the house of inferior printiple.

the hope of finding relatively clean air. The evidence of environmental itiness seems tangible enough. Symptoms include asthmatic attacks, pounding hearts, skin weals and blumed vision. Yet the local doctor is sceptical and talks of black magic. (Ceetax)

country house which was conceived and built by two spinsters in 1790 (1) (94882)

business from both Houses (1409795)

and weather (8403085)

10.30 Newsmight presented by Jeremy Paxman (811153) 11.15 The Late Show. includes an item on the key role played by PR agencies in Kuwait in the run-up to the Gulf conflict(514998)
11.55 Behind the Headilines (r) (488004) 12.25am Weather (6193592)

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and weather (8694)

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7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Haydn (Symphony No 88 in G); Mendelssohn (Roado

Capaccioso in E); Janačak

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Concerto grosso in D minor, Op 6, No 10 (English Concert under Pinnoch); Teodata — Con un vezzo, Plavio, Act il (Ensemble 415 under René

lacobs, with Bernarda Fink.

Manfred Sax, bassoon, Jörg Ewald Dähler, harpsichord):

Silently, Julius Cassar (Orchestra of ENO under Charles Mackertas)

Porpora (Cantata No 8, Or che

ecobs, counter-tenor; Gustav

Leonhardt, harpsichord; Anner Bylsma, cello); Haydn (Anarsna a Naxos, H XXVIO 2: Handel

and Haydn Society under Hogwood, with Arleen Auger, soprano); Mozart (String Quartet in B flat, K 458, Hunt:

Chilinghian Quartet); Si (Falsteif, Overture, Act I, Sc I:

Soloists, Salieri Chambe Chorus and Orchestra under

Pal); Besthoven (Clarinet Trio in 8 flat, Op 11: Nash

Concerto in E: Academy of St Martin in the Fields under

Lleweityn performs William Mathies (Symphony No 3); Rechmaniov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor, Op 30: Artur Pisorm)

ferniner, with Håkan Hardenberger, trumpet)
1.40 BBC Welsh SO under Grant

1,05 Haydh and Mendelssohn: Yo Pano Trio performs Haydh (Tno in F sharp minor, H XY 28); Mendelssohn (Trio in C

minor, Op 66) (r)

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Ensemble), Hummei (Trumpet

9.35 Friends, Teachers and Rivels:

una nube ingrata: René

mezzo, and Christina Högman.

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3.35 Composers of the Week:

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1.55 Music Weekly 2.40 King's Lynn Festival 1991: Northern Sintonia under Bawden, with Garard Caus

viols, and Ernst Kovacic,

(Overture, The Marriage of Figaro, K 492); Joseph Schubert (Viola Concerto);

(Romence in G. Op 40):

(Romance in G. Op 40):
Holloway (Romanza for violan and orchestra, Op 31); Strauss.
(Suite, Le Bourgode:
Genitinomme, Op 60)
4.30 Brass at the Colston Hall:
From Bristol's Brass Band
Festival, Grimethorpe Colliary
Band under Frank Renton,

William Bolcom (Commedia for an almost 18th-century orchestre); Beethoven

Band under Frank Renton, with Mark Watters, flugel horn, and Bobin Taylor, suphonium, performs (Stingert Vinter (Symphony of Merches); Philip Wilby (Flight — premiere); Verd, arr Wright (Overture, The Force of Destiny); James Curnow (Symphonic Variants for Euphonium and Sand); Saint-Saëns, arr Renton (Finale, Organ Symphony)

7.05 Third Ear. Sir Malcolm Pasley talks about his new editions

the author's own manuscripts to Philip Brady 7.30 Pabble Mill: Live from Studio

One. The Britten String Cuartet performs Mozert

Op 92. On Kabardinian

de Cavantes (f)

10.25 Lister Orchestra under Steuart
Bectiond, with Philip Martin,
piano, performs Britten
(Diversions, Op 21); Berkeley

Week: Grieg (r) 1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only)

(except in Scotland)

ymphony No 1 In C) (r) 11.30 News 11.35-12.35em Composers of the

Themes) 9.10 Drama Now: A Meeting in

Kafka's works, prepared from

(Quartet in D, K 575); Schnittke (Quartet No 1). 4.15 A Bed Dog: David Neal read Prokofev's short story, 8.35 Prokofev (Quartet No 2 in F.

Drama Now: A Meeting in Valladolid. Anthony Burgess's play, written for European Radio Week 1991, depicts an imaginary meeting between Wittiam Shakespeare and his Spenish counterpart, Miguel

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(s) Stereo on FM 5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.90, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Rose: 071-580 4411 10.00-10.30 Tales from Paradise

(FM only): Guarding the Beaches: British

dangers they taced as the second world wer arrived in the south Pacific (5 of 6) (s) (r) 10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Bible (LW only): Daniel.

Also McCowen reads from the

cancer, incl 11.00 News 11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff

12.00 News; You and Yours, with

Margaret Collins
12.25pm Screenplay, lain Johnstone hosts the celebrity movie quiz

12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with James

Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre:
Simon. A winner in the 1990.
Radio Times Drama Awards,

caring solicitor (s)

2.30 Richard Baker Compares

Trevor Smith's play is about a

Notes with conductor Yan Peacal Tortellar and orchestral

administrator Richard Lloyd.

Ulster Orchestra in Belfast (s)

Festival. Melcolm Billings joins an archaeological expedition to the Canadian Arctic to

search for remains of Martin

Frobisher's ill-fated mission.

Dispetched by Queen Elizabeth I, Frobisher was to

search for gold, establish an English colony, and confirm

the existence of a northwest passage to China and the indies (s)

Islamic bomb [Reiller] | non government.

3.00 Fool's Gold (FM only): Part of

Radio 4's Northern Lights

10.30

administrators, missioneries and traders look back on the

Age: McCoder Teach Troff the authorised version (1 of 5) Woman's Hour: Breast Carnor Campaign. Jenni Murray investigates the risks, prevention and cures of breast

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3.47-4.00 Seven about Seven (FM

only): Seven Wonders of the World. Libby Purves explores the number seven (3 of 7) (r) 3.00 News; Prime Minister's

4.06 Keleidoscope: Richard Mayne talks to Robert Massie about his novel, *Dreednought*, which

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Radio Cars: A Heavy Night. Comedy series set in the offices of a London cab firm (3

offices of a Lineauri cas into of 5) (s) (r)
7.50 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20-8.00 File on 4 (FM only)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)

8.30 Science Now (r) 8.30 Never the Same Again • CHOICE: The more Jenni

Mills keeps on uncovering the truth about critical periods in family life, the more adept she becomes at walking, apparently unscatted, over horizon clean blor new period.

broken glass. Her new series opens with the tale of Jessica an adopted girl who seeks out

wedlock. The strength of this affecting story lies in the fact that it is told by everyone involved, with the exception of

the adoptive parents. Knowing the Jenni Mills formula by now,

you will not expect Jessica's story to end with everybody either canking champagne

glasses, or drowning themselves in tears (r)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight

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11.90 And Now, in Colour.
Comedy with Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rufger and William Vandyck (2 of 6) (6) (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News, incl. 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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11.00 And Now, in Colour. . . :

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the mother who, 21 years before, bore her out of

Questions (LW only)

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10.00 Grayeagle (1978): A man treas an indian Michapper (77627)

12.00 Rockie of the Year: A tomboy wins a place on an at-boy baseball team (70714)

1.00pm Never Say Goodbye (1987). A girl spives to save her grandmother's life mouse.

SKY SPORTS

FM Stereo and MW, 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bales 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davles Says emoon 5.30 News 92 6.00 Jal-ki Brambles 7.30 RADIO 1

1.25am Revenge (1989); Kevin Costner has an affair with the wife of a Inend (Anthony **EUROSPORT** ● Vis the Astra satellitis.

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(2202) 11.00 Sking World Cup (95985)
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Supercross (28269) 2.30 Euro Fun Megazine
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# **Paisley** urges security review

By EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IAN Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party. yesterday handed the government a blueprint for an overhaul of security in Northern Ireland, hours after a Roman Catholic man died of injuries from an IRA car bombing.

Michael Logue, aged 22, of Maghera. Co Londonderry. was reversing his car outside his girlfriend's home in Coalisland, Co Tyrone, at about 1.15am when the bomb under his car detonated, severing his legs. Neighbours heard him screaming for help before he lost consciousness. Mr Logue, who police said had no connections with the security forces died later in hospital.

Michelle Kelly, his girlfriend, said he was an innocent man. Ken Maginnis, the local Unionist MP, said this was the third murder in the Dungannon area in a month: it would be abhored by most of his constituents. Mr Logue was the fourth person killed in the troubles this year.

Dr Paisley, in a document delivered to Brian Mawhinney, the security minister at Stormont, called for the effective sealing of the border, an increase in the numbers of police and army in the province the creation of a parttime civilian force to assist the Royal Ulster Constabulary. the sealing off of Republican areas and the introduction of identity cards. He also called for the proscription of Sinn Fein and the use of curfews in Republican areas.

The primary reason why Ulster has suffered so many years of unabated terrorism." Dr Paisley said, "is simply that the British government has demonstrated it has no will to win the war, but on the contrary has shown its willingness to acquiesce in the achievement by the IRA of its goal for a united Ireland."

Police were still questioning nine people last night on four arms finds at the weekend. Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, yesterday gave a warning that unless not overcome in the near future, his talks process may not restart before the election. A stumbling block has arisen over Unionists' refusal to guarantee their participation after the election if Labour is returned to power.

Threat to peace, page 6



Dressing up: Arabella Hebeler of Bonham's meets a vision comprising the giant feet of Kenny Everett and an equally giant tomato sauce bottle worn by Russ Abbott. On January 24 her auction house will sell 2,000 costumes used in BBC television productions

### **Support for Bush** slumps to new low

Continued from page 1

Mr Bush's Republican challenger, gaining ground on the president in New Hampshire, where the nation's first primary is held next month. The survey showed 46 per cent support for Mr Bush among the state's Republicans and 30 per cent for Mr Buchanan. A November poll had given Mr Bush a lead of 56 per cent to 20 per cent.

Yesterday's figures came as Mr Bush switched from Japanese to European protectionism, adopting a strident nationalistic posture towards the General Agreement on



Buchanan: gaining ground on president

Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) talks on global free trade.

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Addressing farmers in Kansas, Mr Bush rounded on critics of that trip, insisting that he had fought for fair trade. He then turned his guns on the European Community, saying it had to "stop hiding behind its own iron curtain of protectionism" and abandon the agricultural export subsidies that have left the outcome of the Gatt talks hanging in the balance.
"I will not be part of a

[Gatt] agreement unless it's a good agreement for Ameri-ca," Mr Bush promised, clearly driven by electoral concerns. Earlier, he had pledged to leaders of the American Farm Bureau Federation: "I will not take to the Congress a deal that is silent on agriculture and is not favourable to American

WIL RAZU ASCO I speech to suggest that he was fighting for American interests abroad and to try to dispel the damaging perception that he had gone cap-inhand to the Japanese to beg for trade concessions to help America's failing industry.

Gatt at risk, page 19

### Tories play defence card

Continued from page 1 certainties created by the

break-up of the Soviet Union. Earlier. Tory election strategists sought to switch attention from last week's assault on Labour's tax plans to what they called its bogus defence policies and proposals to reduce spending by £6 billion. Although Labour has undertaken to keep Britain's nuclear weapons for as long as other countries have them, ministers believe there is still much political mileage in

Speaking on the eve of to-day's Commons debate on defence, Mr King tried to

increase the pressure on Labour by warning that, with the Soviet Union's break-up, the world was at "greater nuclear risk than during the frozen period of the Cold War".

Mr King said the world would have to live with a very substantial part of the former Soviet Union's nuclear arsenal for at least ten years. The risk of proliferation of strategic and tactical nuclear weapons made it essential for Britain to maintain a nuclear deterrent.

There was danger, he said, in the disputed ownership of nuclear warheads when the morale of unpaid, unfed

#### **Curses! You were rude**

Continued from page 1 may insult you with a reflection on your family and Catholics or Muslims would probably invoke God, Anglo-Saxons seem to be obsessed with excretion, sex and bodily parts when it comes to verbal abuse, says Dr Aman.

The most notable trend in American swearing in recent years has been the way women have adopted the standard "dirty" words in their everyday speech, a phenomenon obvious to anyone who listens to the chat among female executives in a New York lift.

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"They have almost had to become one of the good old boys, by using vulgarities and profanities," Dr Aman says. "I cannot imagine a high-

powered executive woman faced with a tremendous loss ot bu iness, saying "Oh, dear at a board meeting if she is \$2.5 million in the red. She has to talk like a man."

British and American swearing is quite similar, says Dr Aman, who spends 16 hours a day, seven days a week, studying verbal abuse.

Leading article, page 13

mer Soviet military men to look back to their privileged position in former days. The inhabitants of the "atomic cities" in what had been the Soviet Union would be a prey to recruiting officers from

elsewhere.
Pointing out that Labour had failed to produce a defence policy in the 72 policy documents it had issued in recent years, Mr. King accused Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and his party of seeking to use defence cuts as "the North Sea oil of the 1990s" and of being ready to cancel the fourth Trident submarine that the government

would shortly be ordering.

Arguing that Labour had said it would keep the fourth boat only if it cost more to scrap it than to continue producing it, Mr King said: "It will cost them more to have it than not have it. They can't hide behind a bogus contrac-

tual excuse".

A cloudy day everywhere, although there will be a few sunny

Gerald Kaufman, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, said later that the government was indulging in "a silly, cheap political stunt". He promised that Labour would spend "whatever funds are necessary to provide effective defence".

Woodrow Wyatt, page 12

#### Political sketch

### Apology leads to busty regulation

session of 1992. The world was in turmoil, and Britain slid helplessly towards a general election. MPs discussed traffic jams and British Rail. First though, transport

secretary Malcolm Rifkind strode in and raised a strange topic: so strange that I thought I had misheard him. "Busty regulation," he said, was "a welcome innovation". Busty regulation was happening "in other parts of the country".

Busty regulation? Whose

busties needed regulating? How? What concern was this of the transport department? So much for the Dolly Parton vote. I could see a number of MPs whose heaving bosoms seemed to invite tighter control: but it would be invidious to mention them, and was in any case no business of Mr Rifkind's.

Only when debate turned to problems caused by "one person operated buses did the subject became clear: bus deregulation. It was not what MPs had come to discuss. All eyes were on a certain junior minister.

Roger Freeman, minister for public transport, had hit the headlines with his sugestion that there might be different kinds of trains cheap and cheerful" ones, 'for typists". This had caused a furore, not least among typists: and the word was out that the front page of the London Evening Stan-dard would show Freeman handing penitential choco-lates to his secretary.

Labour's transport spokesmen giggled, their glee illconcealed beneath their outrage. Joan Ruddock, who had spoken feelingly of her opposition to busty regulation", asked Mr Rifkind whether he could offer a "cheap and cheerful" service on the London Underground? Or would it be flowers and chocs for long suffering Londoners? Freeman, a courteous, hardworking chap, ground his teeth, smiled wanly and inwardly thought that if anyone mentioned "cheap and

get flowers where they werenot expecting them. John Prescott, Labour's principal spokesman, mentioned the chocs. Freeman offered a graceful apology, describing his remarks as 'injudicious". If the minister's plans for different classes were to be extended to the Commons chamber, we

would place Mr Freeman in

cheerful" again, they would

IT was the first Commons the expensive and cheerful parliamentary carriage. Mr Prescott, who can be cheap and nasty, would need a carriage of his own.

Geoffrey Dickens's enor-mous bulk growled "very honourable" from behind the minister with so lugubrious a gravity that one might have supposed this a second Profumo rather than a juthe word "typist". A humane thought Freeman had been sufficiently punished.

This is not a humane chamber. Tony Banks (Lab. Newham NW; cheap and cheerful) decided to complain about the lavatories at Stratford station and remind the minister of his recent visit there, "carried in his minis-terial sedan-chair by two sweating but cheerful typ-ists". MPs chorded. There was a pained grin from Mr

"I'm sorry to hear about and visit them".

This is the third time (in your sketchwriter's recollec-tion) that Mr Freeman has been tackled about Stratford lavatories. On the last two occasions the problem with the lavatories was that there weren't any. It may be they are now open, but unsatisfactory. It may be that Mr Freeman was so rattled about the typists yesterday that he forgot that the lavatories are boarded up. If so he may be unable to visit them.

He was rescued by a quesuon from Conal Gregory (C. York, majority: 147) who is anxious to make an impact before the lights go out.

Gregory was soon on his feet again, asking the arts and civil service minister, Tim Renton, to arrange for reserve art collections to be put on public display, so that the treasure trove of Britain can be open to everyone" not reserved "for the night watchman". The treasure trove which is Conal Gregory may shortly cease to be on public display, too. The ight watchman cometh. The treasure trove which is

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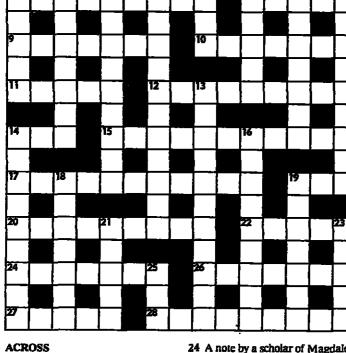
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Simon Burns (C, Chelmsford) asked Renton about codes of dress for civil sershocked, wore earnings and pony-tails!

Teresa Gorman (who is big on jobs for women) heaved with indignation. So mightily did she heave that we seemed to see another case for busty regulation

**MATTHEW PARRIS** 

#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,814



- 1 The widow is in sparkling form! 6 No parking in the College grounds — reversed into tree! (5).
- 9 Opening left in eastern side of 10 Awkward business to find replacement for hat girl (7).
- 11 High flier is well below par (5). 12 Nude convert streaked - church shows patience (9).
- 14 Beat the book (3). 15 One dictating had to call for a French-speaker (1 i). 17 Oil lamp goes out in the big city
- 19 Leaves island (3). 20 Sally grabs member for fortune-
- 22 He takes any number of chances
- Solution to Puzzle No 18.813
- 24 A note by a scholar of Magdalen for a literary society (7). 26 One more unnamed player getting early points (7).
- 27 School-leaver's certificate? (5). 28 A branch head showing skill (9).

- 1 Transport making time for reguiar comings and goings (5). 2 Mix-up earns student a gamma. perhaps (7).

  3 Prustration for a potter — it's as
- much as a person can take! (9).

  4 The fruit of Frazer's work? (6.5). Close to a third of 12 (3). 6 The Sun King introduced a sys-
- tem of this kind (5). 7 Paid nothing to maintain soldiers' memorial (7). 8 Stay on — the French ship is not
- stopping (9). 13 What happens when women let their dresses down (11). 14 50 units of power overhead, perhaps - it concentrates the light
- 16 Fainted after the Sovereign's pa-18 Refuse to dress on time (7).
- 19 Shell that's done for the CO (7). 21 Holding pen upside down - it's 23 Gets snare smashed to bits (5).

25 Want the Navy to leave, for sure

## A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

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b. An aggressive bidder at auction
c. A disruptive computer program TROMMEL 2. A kind of rain hat b. A revolving sieve c. Trouble and grief

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Answers on page 16 AL HOADWATCH

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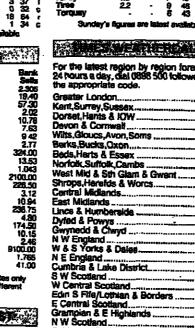
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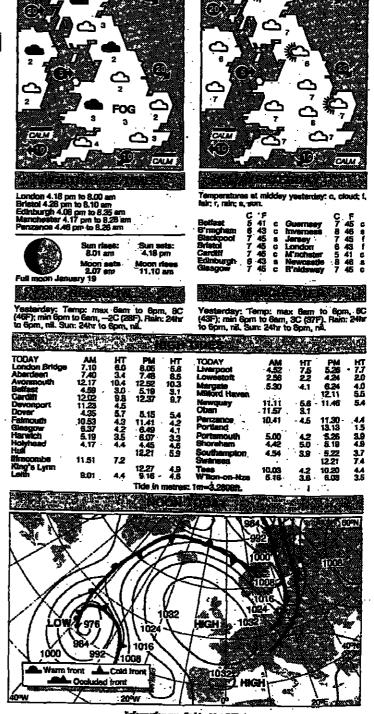
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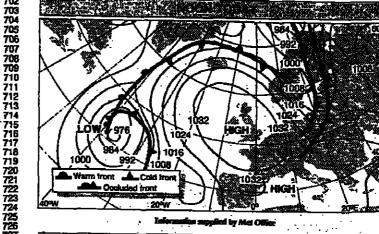
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Bush's

attack on

Europe

puts Gatt

at risk

ECONOMICS EDITOR THE last-ditch attempt to

conclude the five-year negoti-

ations on the Uruguay trade

round, appeared in jeopardy yesterday after President Bush singled out the Europe-an Community's farm poli-

cies for a blistering attack.

As negotiators from 108

countries gathered in Geneva for what was generally con-

sidered the last chance for the

General Agreement on Tar-

iffs and Trade to settle the

transatlantic dispute over

farm subsidies. President Bush devoted his first impor-

tant economic speech since his return from Japan to an

attack on European trading

Speaking to farmers in Kansas City, President Bush

denounced Europe for "hid-

ing behind an iron curtain of

rope's policies were particu-

larly damaging to America's

farmers. He promised Ameri-

sign any deal that put them at

While the speech was main-

ly designed for domestic con-

sumption, it strengthens the hand of American negotia-

tors in Geneva who made it

clear they would accept no

further weakening of the pro-

visions in agricultural trade

in the draft Gatt agreement.

Over the weekend, Europe-

an trade and farm mininsters said they would demand "im-

provements" and "substan-tial modifications" in the

Gatt draft. And yesterday the

EC's Geneva delegate, Tranh

van Thinh, said the package presented "serious difficulties for the Community, above all

But Rufus Yerxa, the Amer-

ican Gatt negotiator, made clear that Washington would

accept changes to the draft

only if these tightened the curbs on farm subsidies and

Arthur Dunkel, the Gatt

director general, appeared

broadly to endorse the Ameri-can position, saying any sub-

stantial attempt to reshape

the draft accord could lead

only to "an uncontrollable

unravelling of the package"

and lead to the abandonment

of the entire Uruguay round.

Poli rating, page I

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What would happen to the telecommunications. electricity, and gas industries if Neil Kinnock won the general election?

**EVODE SLIPS** 

Evode, the adhesives group is reducing total lividend payments from 6.42p to 3.58p after eporting lower profits Tempus, page 22

**SURPRISE LOSS** 



Jack Cynamon, who with Alan Green is joint chairmen of Jacques Vert. surprised the City with half-year losses

NO SIGNS

Ellis & Everard, the chemicals distribution group, sees no sign of an upturn in demand. The interim dividend is beki Tempos, page 22.

FORD WARNING



head of European manufacturing, has warned his workforce that they must raise efficiency Page 20

US dollar 1.7980 (-0.0075) German mark 2.8351 (-0.0035) Exchange index. 90.2 (-0.2). Bank of England official close (4pm)

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EC makes lenders police pollution

# Clean-up costs force banks to rethink lending

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

HIGH street banks are rewriting their lending policies for fear that proposed European Community legislation could leave them with an environmental clean-up bill running into billions of

pounds. A draft EC directive means that banks could be liable for the clean-up costs of their industrial customers, while current British legislation suggests that much of the land and plants the banks have traditionally used as security for loans is worthless or even a heavy liability.

Banks are already reported to be refusing to repossess polluted land or buildings in iquidations for fear that environmental agencies will demand that they pay its clean-

National Westminster Bank, at the forefront of the latest moves by banks, has sent out new environmental guidelines to its 2,700 branch managers to warn them of the risks involved in lending to companies that pollute the environment. NatWest and other banks are being forced to carry out "environmental audits" of companies before they decide to lend.

The costs of environmental clean-ups are often great, sometimes involving the capping of acres of ground with concrete or purifying hundreds of toones of earth and moving waste. The costs of a clean-up ordered by the Nat-

THREE of America's largest

banks yesterday signalled

troubles in its banking indus-

Citicorp. the biggest in

America, forecast last year's

results will stage a \$1 billion

numeround into-loss when it

reports next week. Bad loans

at Chase Manhatfan jumped

last year by a quarter to \$3.37

billion and BankAmerica will

have to almost double the

amount of assets it was due to

shrink under its merger plan

with Security Pacific to avoid

Analysts expect Citicorp to

competition problems

Reed: "progress"

By DEREK HARRIS

PRIDE and not money seems to be the

spur that turns people to running their

own business. More than 90 per cent

say that despite the challenges of the

tough economic climate, they would

study shows that the average self-employed person starting a small business needs to work more than 60 hours a

week, while bringing in no more than

£6.67 an hour. That compares with the

average British wage of £7.30 an hour

Yet the study shows that six out of ten

owners of small businesses see themselves as something of a breed apart, fuelled by hopes, which at least on cash

returns, do not seem wholly to be met

The survey, commissioned by Barclays

Bank and carried out last August by

Market Research Enterprises, ques-

That cash is not king is just as well: a

start up all over again.

and a 40-hour week norm.

try were far from over.

ional Rivers Authority or Her Majesty's Inspectorate on Pollution could drive companies out of business, and lenders fear they will be left to pay for the damage.

Banks may refuse to do business with companies with heavily polluted sites, or order them to clean up or increase the margins on their loans to take account of the environmental risk. An internal report from NatWest states: "Where the risk is too great, prudent financiers will stay away, and neither the national economy nor the envi-ronment will benefit."

Banks are desperate to avoid the environmental area becoming another in which they suffer bad debts. The issue was raised 18 months ago in America, where Fleet Factors, a factoring company, was ordered by the courts to pay clean-up costs of nearly \$500,000 at Swainsboro Paint Works, a cloth printer.

Asbestos was found in Swainsboro's plant after Fleet had foreclosed on the company and taken over its plant and equipment. The court decided that Fleet, as Swainsboro's lender had been able to influence the company's handling of hazardous waste and was liable. NatWest has set up an envi-

ronmental management unit, headed by Hilary Thompson, to monitor the implications of new legislation. The subject led Derek Wanless, the chief executive

**US** bank sector

still in trouble

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

of its main financial services division, to tell an EC environment conference in Hungary last November that Natwest is already directing its loans to environmentally safer projects. These include double-skinned oil tankers and low noise jets.

The EC's draft directive on civil liability for damage to the environment, which has been drawn up by DGXI, the department run by Carlo Ripa di Meana, the commis sioner for the environment, would make companies, and their banks, jointly liable for clean-up costs. The banks are lobbying officials in Brussels to include a secured lender exemption clause to protect themselves, but they have had no success as yet. Mrs Thompson said: "DGXI wants to turn the financial services industry into its environmental policemen."

Banks are also womied about the public registers of contaminated land that are being drawn up by local au-thorities under the Environmental Protection Act. These, when completed, are expected to list up to 100,000 polluted sites in Britain, most of them in or near large cities.

The value of such sites is likely to plummet. Some worthless and unsaleable when their contamination is revealed. Many of the sites have been used as security on

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### Big fall in consumer

unveil up to 10,000 more job cuts with the figures on Tuesday when losses could total up to \$475 million against 1990's \$458 million profit. John Reed, the Citicorp chairman, said while progress has been made in the two-year cost cutting programme, this year will remain sluggish.

The bank suspended its 25 cents quarterly dividend in October and last week was believed to have raised \$500 million selling a quarter of its stake in the profitable Saudi American Bank. In the final three months of last year Citicorp raised its loan loss reserve by \$200 million after writing off \$650 million.

At Chase Manhattan, while profit in the final three months of last year fell 30 per cent to \$135 million, annual profits were \$520 million \$334 million loss).

BankAmerica says regulators have almost doubled to \$7 billion the deposits it will have to shrink after its takeover of Security Pacific to avoid dominating markets in which they competed.

CONSUMER borrowing fell in November to its lowest since the depth of the recession and the Gulf war. The sharp fall in new credit advanced, disclosed yesterday by the Central Statistical Office, provided further confirmation that last summer's improvement in consumer confidence had fizzled out by the autumn.

The CSO said £3.73 billion worth of new credit was advanced by banks, finance houses and credit card companies, a 7 per cent fall on October's £4 billion. There has been only one month since 1989 in which consumers have taken out less new credit. This was February 1991, with £3.5 billion.

The total amount outstanding on credit agreements continued to fall in November as debt repayments exceeded new consumer borrowing Outstanding credit fell £33 million in November to £30.41 billion, after a fall of £76 million the month before. The disturbing feature is that the fall in outstanding credit is being achieved through lower borrowing, rather than repayment of past debts.

Pride comes before the money

tioned 400 small businesses set up in

Two thirds of them were started

because the owners believed that they

could do as well as, or even better than,

existing businesses in the market. Near-

ly one in three thought self-employment

would offer them better financial pros-

pects than staying in a staff job. There

were 27 per cent who thought they had

spotted an opportunity that was too

Nearly a third of women running their

own business said a key factor for going

it alone was spotting a special chance in the market. Only a quarter of the men said the same. However, women com-

plained of facing more problems, from not being taken seriously (according to 45 per cent) to sex discrimination by

suppliers (cited by 26 per cent) and

pressures to stay at home (15 per cent).

More than three quarters of those surveyed emphasised the crucial need

the past three years.

good to miss.

# borrowing

BY OUR ECONOMICS EDITOR

bicycle manufacturer, has £70 million of cash in the bank. He is on the lookout for further acquisitions in Britain but believes prices being asked are still too high.

Philips Industries of America, Mr Hutchings's last acquisition, for £326 million in June 1990, contributed £17.6 million of the group's 40 per cent higher £43.7 million pretax profit in the six months to November 2. Sales rose 52.2 per cent to £594 million. Fully diluted earnings per share rose 9.7 per cent to 9.01 p and the dividend is up 15 per cent

to 3.22p. Mr Hutchings said: "Trading conditions for most of our companies remain difficult but unwavering adherence to our proven systems, coupled with the quality of our management teams, enables us to look forward with optimism. I am confident that Tomkins will outperform again even in the current economic environment."

for family and friends to give active

support to a fledgling business. More than a third said family life had been

affected more than they had expected,

while 77 per cent had less time for

socialising. Ethnic businesses put the

For 91 per cent, the quality most

needed for success was hard work, while

89 per cent emphasised determination.

satisfaction in being one's own boss, while 22 per cent said they had been

frustrated in their previous job. Surpris-

ingly, only 13 per cent cited a need for

aggression, and only 9 per cent saw the

commercial value of being cunning. The

need for intelligence was highlighted by

only 21 per cent, though 90 per cent

underlined the need for knowledge of

the product or service that was being

sold, with nearly as many realising the

necessity of knowing the market.

Nearly half declared there was more

most emphasis on family support.

and 87 per cent identified pride.



Cash rich but cautious: Greg Hutchings is seeking acquisitions in Britain

### Tomkins on the lookout

Industrial products saw

profits fall from £3.4 million

to £3 milijon and Tomkins

Industries, the Philips acqui-

sition, improved from £5.2

million to £17.6 million after

a first full six months'

The group has started the

contribution.

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

GREG Hutchings, the chief against £6.6 million. year with realistic budgets executive of Tornkins group, the Smith & Wesson guns to

Services to industry contributed £4.8 million, against £5.3 million, and profession-al, garden and leisure products, which includes Smith & Wesson, made £7.5 million

PEP CHOICE

and expects no improvement

in the business climate. Mat-

thew Sutherland, analyst at

County NatWest, is forecast-

ing per-tax profits of £132

The shares rose 4p to 438p.

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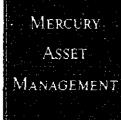
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# BCCI case decision expected

BY NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) is expected to be placed in formal liquidation in the High Court in London today as negotiations continue between Touche Ross, the bank's administrator, and the Abu Dhabi government over a \$4 billion settlement

for its depositors.

The bank went into official liquidation in Luxembourg, where it is registered, at the beginning of the year, and is now likely to be wound up in most of the 70 countries where it once operated.

where it once operated.

The liquidation was first proposed by the Bank of England last July, but was postponed to allow Touche to try to negotiate a rescue or compensation package with the Abu Dhabi government, the bank's 77 per cent shareholder. If a deal is agreed, the first payment of 10p in the pound

could be made next year.

A High Court liquidation order will trigger the Bank of England's compensation scheme, paying 75 per cent of deposits up to £15,000. Many of BCCI's British depositors have already been compensated by a scheme funded by the Abu Dhabi government.

# Jacques Vert falls £1 m into losses

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

£19.7 million and the loss per share is 0.8p compared with SHARES in Jacques Vert, the ladies fashion group, fell 40 earnings of 8.1p. Jack Cynaper cent to 116p after the mon and Alan Green, the group surprised the City with joint chairmen, have waived news of a £125,000 half-year loss against profits of £1.2 million. Sashi Myttaganam. their entitlement to a dividend on the 57.9 per cent of the shares they own. As a result, the dividend payment will absorb only £80,000. finance director, is on suspended leave and the interim dividend is halved to 2p. David Tiedeman, manag-ing director, said the situa-

tion regarding Mr Mylvaganam was in the hands of the

company's solicitors and he

was constrained as to what he

could say about the matter

but emphasised there was no

question of personal or crimi-

Mr Tiedeman said the first

the company as a whole knew

of the extent of the trading

position was at a meeting

where a detailed report of the

interim results was given.

Jacques Vent has brought in

an outside accountant to in-

vestigate the financial pos-

ition but the group does not

expect any further surprises.

October 26 fell 2.6 per cent to

Sales for the six months to

nal malpractice involved.

The £100,000 loss was made up of £1.01 million reduction in gross profit, a £490,000 increase in overheads and a £140,000 reduction in net interest payable that fell to £368,000.

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The fall in gross profit is partly due to lower sales and partly to a 3.9 percentage point fall in the gross margin to 39.5 per cent. The group says the fall in both gross and sales margins reflects extremely tough high street conditions since March 1991.

Mr Tiedeman said the group expected to break even for the year as a whole and was operating comfortably within its banking facilities. Gearing has fallen from 65 per cent to 51 per cent.



Hands full: Jack Cynamon (right) and Alan Green

# Trinity to sell paper division

By MARTIN BARROW

TRINITY International Holdings, a regional newspaper publisher, is selling its paper and packaging division to Danish Paper Packaging for about £27 million.

The disposal will enable the group, which is based in Chester, to concentrate on newspaper publishing in Britain and North America. Last month, Trinity was one of four potential bidders for Southern Newspapers to withdraw its interest, despite trade department clearance.

trade department clearance.
Trinity has two paper mills at Bolton and Bury, Greater Manchester, and packaging plants at Stoke on Trent.
Grimsby and Sandy, in Bedfordshire. These are expected to contribute profits of about £3.5 million in 1991.

David Snedden, Trinity's chief executive, said: "To stay where we were, in terms of market share, would have needed a considerable amount of capital investment. The outlook for getting a decent return on it was not promising."

promising."

Cash from the disposal will be used to strengthen the balance sheet. The company said it was still looking for acquisitions in the newspaper sector.

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# HongkongBank in Euro-venture talks

HONGKONG and Shanghai Banking Corporation is in talks with leading continental banks to establish a joint venture and increase its presence in Europe. The bank has denied, however, that it is planning to sell its 14.9 per cent stake in Midland Bank.

stake in Midland Bank.

HongkongBank bought the stake in Midland in 1987, but called off merger talks in December 1990, when the extent of Midland's financial problems became clear. At the time HongkongBank said ir would remain a long-term investor in Midland, and William Purves, the corporation's chairman, remains on Midland's board. HongkongBank would suffer a loss of more than £100 million if it sold the stake on the open market today.

#### Real Time slows 23%

REAL Time Control, the computer keyboard and electronic-point-of-sale equipment group, suffered a 23.3 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £507,000 in the 26 weeks to end-September. Turnover fell 31.1 per cent to £3 million, although the Watford group blames this decline on the timing of deliveries from year to year. In America, business levels remained depressed and a small loss was sustained. The company said it has entered the second half with a good order book. Earnings slip from 6.1p to 4.9p per share. As usual, there is no interim dividend. The USM-quoted shares eased 3p to 980.

#### Lowe cuts loss

REDUCED gearing and better cost controls helped Robert H Lowe, the Cheshire leisure to babywear group, to reduce pre-tax losses from £453,000 to £297,000 in the year to end-October, on turnover of £34 million, up from £33.6 million. Trading profit doubled from £603,000 to £1.23 million. Gearing was halved to 97 per cent and interest payments dipped from £1.86 million to £1.53 million. The loss per share rises from 9.1p to 11.2p, and there is again no interim dividend. The shares were unchanged at 10p.

#### Dalepak raises payout

DALEPAK Foods, the frozen food producer, is raising its interim dividend from 1.2p to 1.5p after its first-half pre-tax profits soared from £1.2 million to £1.71 million in the six months to end-October. Earnings jump 45 per cent to 10.13p per share. Turnover edged up from £21.1 million to £21.2 million, mostly provided by the two main frozen food businesses — Dalepak and Fawcetts. The company said the annual results were expected to show "another year of excellent growth". The shares firmed 2p to 280p.

#### Dakota stakes raised

THREE directors of Dakota Group, the Irish printing and packaging group quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, have acquired 4.2 million shares in the company from David Galavan, the former chief executive; at 21 p a share. The directors, Colum Kelleher, Brendan Mowles and William Carille, own 18 per cent of the company after the purchases. Mr Kelleher becomes the new chief executive.

### Fletcher King dives

FLETCHER King, the commercial property agent, suffered a 75 per cent fall in interim pre-tax profits to £108,000 for the six months to end-October, from £433,000 previously. The interim dividend has been cut from 1.8p to 0.5p. David Fletcher, chairman, said it was still too early in the property cycle for him to be able to say that the worst is over.

# Ford seeks higher UK productivity

By Kevin Eason Foring Correspondent

FORD'S senior European manufacturing executive has warned workers at the company's British car plants they must radically improve productivity as the business tries to recover from losses of more than £1 million each day.

Albert Caspers, Ford's Eu-

ropean vice-president for engineering and manufacturing, called union leaders together to spell out an agenda for raising efficiency levels by as much as 30 per cent at the Dagenham, Essex, plant. Ford's second big plant at Halewood on Merseyside has also been set new efficiency targets to try to equal produc-

and been set new efficiency targets to try to equal productivity levels in the company's sister plants in Germany.

A Ford Fiesta takes Dagenham's 6,500 body and assembly workers about 46 hours to

Dispute at O&Y may go to court

By MATTHEW BOND

THE dispute between Olympia & York, the Canadian developer of Canary Wharf, east London, and Morgan Stanley, the American investment bank, will go to the High Court unless the two companies reach agreement.

companies reach agreement.
Both firms said there was no disputing the option agreement requiring O&Y to buy the 500,000 sq ft building Morgan Stanley has built at Canary Wharf. Nor was there any dispute about the price, likely to be well in excess of £100 million. Butthe companies disagree over timing. O&Y said the option to buy would be completed in June, while Morgan Stanley believes it should have been

completed in January.

Despite the dispute, Morgan Stanley will have moved 1,400 staff to the Canary Wharf office in a formight. Credit Suisse-First Boston, an American bank also developing its own offices at Canary Wharf, reconfirmed its commitment last August, when it acquired a long lease from O&Y. It is the to more in page



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Caspers: warned unions complete compared with 29 hours at Cologne. At Halewood, new quality targets have been set to allow Ford to export the Escort model, previously only built to satisfy demand in Britain.

Mr Caspers has ruled out

closure of Dagenham as one

option for Ford to cut its losses after a disastrous year in the worst British market

for a decade. He is understood to have told unions
Dagenham's performance
must improve by leaps and
bounds if the plant was to
retain its position as one of
the company's biggest European manufacturing centres.
There has been little respite
for Ford during the recession
of the past two years. After
sinking to the first pre-tax loss
for 20 years in 1990 of £274
million, last year sales fell by
more than 121,000 cars,
worth more than £900 mil-

lion at showroom prices. Last year's loss is expected to exceed 1990's.

There was one triumph for Dagenham last year with exports rising to more than half of daily output of 1,180 Fiestas. The performance highlighted rapid quality improvements made at the plant which were enough to convince continental showrooms British-made cars, were as

good as those from Germany. In spite of efficiency improvements, the two big British plants still lag well behind productivity in the rest of Europe. Figures compiled by Nikko Securities show workers at Rover and Peugeot are producing 14 cars per man per year. Volkswagen 12, but

Ford UK only eight.
The scale of the task is underlined by Nissan's performance at its new factory at Washington. Tyne & Wear, where the figure is 75 cars per

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By PHILIP PANGALOS

FIRST-HALF profits at Excalibur Group, a company with activities ranging from

jewellery to merchandising and engineering, held up rela-

tively well, despite depressed

conditions in many of its

Pre-tax profits dipped from

Closure costs were largely

responsible for an extraordi-

nary charge of £993,000.

2.4p a share, but the interim

### Building designer is halted

By JONATHAN PRYNN

SHARES in Company of Designers, the loss-making building design practice that is quoted on the Unlisted £2.05 million to £2.01 million . Securities Market, were susin the six months to October | pended at 7p yesterday pending a financial recenstruction

higher at £33.4 million. Ex- at the company, ports accounted for nearly a The company The company has been fifth of sales and Michael Grif- struggling since 1989 when it was hit by a series of disasexpects them to grow further. | trous computer failures.

Last year, the company lost He said exposure to 13.5 million. At the interim Ratners, the troubled high street jewellery chain, had not stage in the current year a had an appreciable effect on pre-tax loss of £317,000 was reported. A further announcement is expected from the company this week.

Company of Designers came to the stock market priced at 100p per share just after the market crashed in October 1987.

The company specialises in the supply of design services dividend stays at 0.4p. to the building industry, in-Mr Griffiths admitted that cluding architectural, conconditions were tough, al- sulting engineering and

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though he said there were support services The small and diminishing some "bright spots". Recovery would driven by an upturn in design and architecture secconsumer spending. "We are too has been one of the hard-not despondent," he said. "we est hit by the effects of the recession in the building are probably in the leanest

# Bromsgrove makes £14m agreed bid for GW Thornton

BY MATTHEW BOND

BROMSGROVE Industries shares rose from the 150p has launched a £14.6 million agreed bid for GW Thornton, the Sheffield engineering group that makes aerospace components and claims to be the world leader in the manufacture of components for artificial hip and knee joints.

Bromsgrove, the engineering conglomerate run by Bijan Sedghi, yesterday also announced the terms of a one-for-four rights issue that will raise £10.8 million after expenses

The new shares have been priced at 105p and the issue has been underwritten by Albert E Sharp, the stockbroker. The proceeds will be used to reduce debt and to finance expansion and investment.

Bromsgrove's bid for Thornton was not a surprise, coming as it did less than a week after dealings in the shares of both companies were suspended at the same time. Yesterday, Thornton's engineering businesses. It

suspension price to 203p, 3p above the cash alternative being offered to Thornton shareholders by Bromsgrove.

The terms of the share offer are seven new Bromsgrove shares for every four Thornton shares. With Bromsgrove shares returning from suspension 2p lower at 129p, the bid values each Thornton share at just above 216p.

Bromsgrove has irrevoca-ble acceptances to its bid from shareholders controlling 54.5 per cent of Thornton's equity. including 44.5 per cent who are committed to the Bromsgrove offer even if a higher rival offer is made.

If all Thorton shareholders opt for the share offer, they will own around 20 per cent of the enlarged Bromsgrove

Mr Sedghi said the Thornton acquisition would fit well with Bromsgrove's specialist takes Bromsgove into the precision forging of renewable aerospace components for the first time, and also into medical engineering.

Last month, Bromsgrove paid £1.8 million for Imbach. which took the company into environmental engineering for the first time.

Thornton's strong overseas sales should lift the proportion of Bromsgrove's turnover earned overseas to approximately 40 per cent. Mr Sedghi said that his eventual target was for more than twothirds of sales to come from overseas.

Mr Sedghi added that Bromsgrove's strategy had not changed: "Our strategy is to remain in the specialist engineering niche. We are very specialist and very much engineering." Bromsgrove planned to pay

a final dividend of 2.5p for the year to end-March, making a total of 4p (3.9p).

markets. 31, on turnover 9 per cent fiths. Excalibur's chairman. the group. Excalibur depends i on Rainers for only £4 million ; of annual sales, compared with a total of about £65; Earnings slipped from 3.4p to

Excalibur still sharp despite slump

Tough times: Michael Griffiths and his brother, Richard, who is managing director

### Strike threatens German steel

FROM REUTER IN FRANKFURT

GERMAN steelworkers are preparing for their first strike in more than a decade after the collapse of lastditch pay talks with management vesterday.

The dispute is likely to set the tone for this year's round of wage talks, which are crucial for an economy bearing the burden of German unifi-

IG Metall, the main steel industry union, which has been pressing for a pay rise of more than 10 per cent, rejected an offer of an average 5.2 per cent increase for the year from last October. Lorenz Brockhues, the chief union negotiator, said the union's board would meet today to set a date for a strike ballot. The steel industry has not been involved in a strike

The union, seeking a 1.1 per cent rise in the base wage and a further 10.5 per cent on top, had threatened strike action before the failure of

the last-ditch talks vesterday. The management agreed in part to the I.I per cent limited to lower-paid, blue-

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Bundesbank have campaigned strongly for wage moderation this year to ensure that pay rises do not exceed productivity growth just when Germany needs all available resources to help finance eastern German re-

construction. The current steel pay talks are technically the tail-end of the 1991 wage round but, as the dispute drags on into 1992, financial markets in-creasingly believe that this settlement will send a signal to the rest of industry for this

year's pay round.
"The delay in reaching an agreement has made these talks the opening negotia-tions of the 1992 pay round." said Thomas Mayer, German economist at Goldman Sachs, the financial house. It will set a yardstick for other talks, particularly in the public sector."

The calls for moderate 1992 deals have not yet encouraged unions to lower their sights. Banking unions say they plan token strikes from this week to support their 10.5 per cent wag claim. Public service workers ollar workers. are claiming pay rises
The government and the around 10 per cent.

### Ice lolly makers survive parent's cold shoulder

BY MARTIN WALLER

INDUSTRIAL archaeologists of the future will chance upon a rich haul if they excavate a small ice cream factory in Crossgates, Leeds. Their discovery, however, will paint an unhappy picture of business life in the late

The foundation stone of the new £5 million Treats Ice Cream works was laid lasi week over a time capsule recording the events at Crossgates over the past year, which began with the attempted closure of the company by its erstwhile parent Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food giant.

The shutdown was thwarted by a management buyout, at first opposed by Unilever. The traumatic events leading to the rescue are chronicled in a sheaf of press cuttings and quota-tions from the 350-strong workforce buried in the capsule.

The workers' comments



Walls business that owned Treats, and Allan Price, the Birds Eye chairman who carried out the initial sen-tence of execution, are predictably trenchant. How-ever, they provide an inside view of a depressingly common event: the closure by a remote multinational of a small plant providing a community with its main source of employment.

The book of quotations. compiled by the Yorkshire Arts Circus, details the campaign by the ice cream trade, the employers, the unions, the council and local representatives such as Denis Healey, the MP. and Michael McGowan. the Euro-MP for Leeds, to reverse the closure.

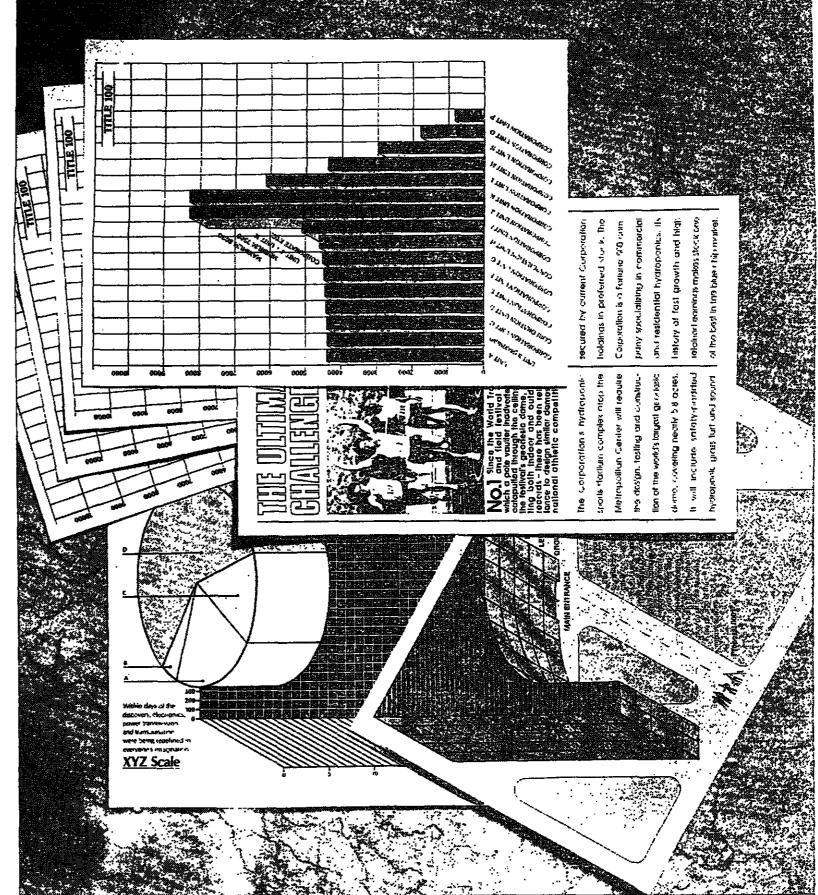
The decision to close a

company with a El 7 million turnover and £3 million of profit came because Birds Eye Walls felt it could not justify investing £5 million in a new factory to bring production up to European standards. The workforce took the view that the aim was to wipe out what was seen by Unilever as a competitor to its Walls ice

cream brand. The buyout plan, accepted two weeks after the announcement of the closure. involved two financial institutions guaranteeing the £5 million factory that Uni-

lever had refused. What comes out of the interviews with the workforce, most of them untutored in the ways of the multinational corpora-tion, is the gulf between the man or woman on the ice loily conveyor belt and the owner. One employee says: "I didn't even know I was part of Walls till they tried to kick us into touch." to kick us into touch."

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### **US Navy** order for Rolls

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The deal is worth \$160 million initially to both parties, with Rolls's share valued at \$67 million, but that figure could rise to \$120 million if all contract options are taken up. Most of the development work will take place at Rolls's

Ansty factory near Coventry.

The marine version of the RB211, already used in a wide range of aircraft and as an industrial generator, is the core of a new advanced marine gas turbine propulsion system developed for the US Navy Sea System Command ships. The new engine is said to offer 30 per cent fuel

savings over existing systems. The initial contract is for four years, with Westinghouse as prime contractor manufacturing designing, and testing two 26,400 bhp intercooled recuperated turbine engines. Contract options include full-scale development and qualification, tecnical data, training and engineering services.

A Rolls spokesman said it was not possible to identify how many jobs would be created by the contract, but it would help maintain development activity at current levels.

#### IBM contract

The consultancy and information technology firm Capita Group's computer services unit has signed a marketing deal with International Business Machines covering facilities management services for UK local authorities. IBM will introduce Telecom Capita as its preferred supplier. provide exclusive support services and allow Capita access to its sales force.

Hawtin dips

Hawtin, the Cardiff leisure goods-to-property business, is raising its dividend from 0.825p to 0.86p a share, despite a dip in pre-tax profits from £1.54 million to £1.4 million in the year to end-£27.4 million (£27.7 million). Earnings per share slip from 1.75p to 1.71p.

#### Brambles bid

million cash bid for Security Archives has been declared unconditional with acceptances in respect of 96.02 per cent of the Security equity. Antares sells

Antares Group is selling its Mynos offshoot to Dalebase. the retailer, for a maximum of about £650,000.

STOCK MARKET

### C&W gains from BT on talk of American interest

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tunes for Britain's two big telephone operators as investors continued switching out of British Telecom and into Cable and Wireless.

BT finished the session 5p lower at 318p as the shares went ex the 7p interim dividend. The partly paid shares fell 6p to 114p. C&W, on the other hand, wuched 600p with a rise of 11p as claims resurfaced that American Telephone and Telegraph wants to take a sizeable stake in C&W's Mercury telephone

Dealers say AT&T has been putting on the pressure for some time and would like a ioint venture with Mercury.

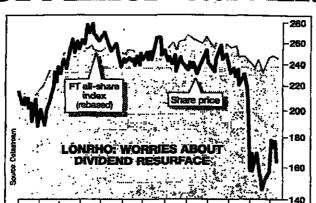
BT is now seen mainly by institutions as an income stock and is certain to lose some of its attraction during the ex-dividend period. The rest of the market

staged a 33-point turnround as the new two-week trading account started. An opening markdown of 21 points, on the back of a dull overnight performance in Tokyo, was wiped out as American and Continental buyers appeared. That enabled the FT-SE 100 to end the session 12.2 points up at 2,490.1.

Trading conditions were described as dull; only 429 million shares were traded. Fund managers remain worried by the government's poor standing in opinion polls. Government securities suf-

fered a lacklustre session, because of worries about the pound's weakness. Prices at the longer end closed with losses of almost E12.

Food manufacturers saw gains. United Biscuits rose 3p to 417p. Tate & Lyle 6p to 425p, Cadbury Schweppes 5p to 444p and Unilever 8p to 893p as fund managers continued to reflect on their takeover and trading pros-



Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Trent 3p to 303p, Southern pects. Others found the going 2p to 317p, Thames 5p to 337p. Weish 5p to 348p, Wessex 9p to 377p and Yorkmore difficult. Associated British Foods eased 2p to 445p and Unigate held steady at 269p. Both have been downgraded by Hoare shire 7p to 358p.

Louriso, the international

trading group headed by Tiny Rowland, remained dull, losing 12p to 164p. Last week's departure of Terry Robinson from the board shocked the City and has revived fears about the group's ability to maintain its dividend. Full-year figures, due soon, are expected to reveal a downturn in pre-tax profits from £273 million to £255 with interests ranging from the Financial Times,

Amber Day, the fast-growing discount store chain headed by Philip Green, found how vulnerable companies can be to bear raids. The shares tumbled 15p to 92p after anonymous telephone calls to the City offices of several newspapers. Analysts forecast that pre-tax profits in the current year will rise by £6 million to £16 million.

Lazards, the merchant bank, Royal Doulton, Madame Tussauds and Penguin publishing, jumped 9p to 727p after dropping out of the bid-ding for the Daily Mirror.

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and dairy products.

The latest opinion polls unsettled the water companies. which remain sensitive to the threat of renationalisation. marking down was recorded from the outset. Anglian lost 4p to 335p. North West 4p to 338p. Severn million as the group contin-ues to feel the effects of recession in the UK, Europe and America. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, believes the company has no choice but to cut the dividend Last week's flurry of activity

that carried shares of Allied-Lyons higher, to touch 710p, appears to have subsided; the price closed 7p lower at 650p. Dealers are scentical of

soon receive a consortium bid or more than 800p a share from Philip Morris, the American food and tobacco group, and Seagram, the Canadian drinks distributor.

The City responded posi-tively to half-year figures from Tomkins, the engineering conglomerate, showing pre-tax profits up £12.5 million to £43.7 million. The shares ended the day 5p better at

chanical engineer, returned from suspension 53p higher at 203p on learning of an agreed bid from Bromsgrove Industries. The seven-forfour offer values Thornton at £14.7 million and has a cash alternative of 200p a share. Bromsgrove is also raising E10.7 million by way of a one for-four cash call at 105p. Bromsgrove fell 2p to 129p. On the Unlisted Securities

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Market, shares of the Company of Designers were suspended at 7p pending clarification of the company's financial position. Jacques Vert, the women's

wear group, tumbled 77p to 116p after sliding into the red at the halfway stage. The group reported pre-tax losses of £125,000 and cut the dividend by half. That compares with profits last year of £3 million. The group said there was no sign of an upturn.
The insurers enjoyed selective support, but Commercial

Union lost 1p to 463p after Strauss Turnbull, the broker, increased its loss forecast for the group by £15 million to £80 million. Claims and increased provisions, are blamed. **General Accident,** however, was up 6p to 450p, Guardian Royal Exchange, 2p to 123p, Royal Insurance, 9p to 242p and Sun Alliance lp to 276p. MICHAEL CLARK

### Nikkei slides 685 points to this year's low

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futures-linked selling. Wor- 21,696.86, with an estimated shortly before the close. The Hong Kong index eased ries about excess supply, a 180 million shares traded. Nikkei last closed below 15.33 to 2.823.19. Turnover money market rates and the dollar, and a whiff of political scandal apparently kept investors out of the market.

"There's nothing positive out there, and people aren't going to buy unless there's something positive," said a broker at one of the big four broking houses. The Nikkei

Tokyo — Shares closed index was down 685.04 to halt the slide. The index hit 23.01 sharply lower as a result of points, or 3.06 per cent, to bottom, 784.95 points down, 4,325.91, while the broader The broader first section Topix index was down 40.32 points, or 2.43 per cent, to

The Nikkei index began sinking below Friday's close of 22,381.90 as soon as trading opened. After 21 minutes it moved below 22,000 for the first time this year. A short mid-afternoon recovery failed

22,000 on December 24. ☐ Hong Kong — Prices

slipped amid sharply lower trading volume. Brokers said the main reasons were profittaking on bank stocks, which have been strong recently, and worries about slow progress in trade talks between America and China. The Hang Seng index fell

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tumbled to HK\$1.32 billion from Friday's HK\$2.15 bil-

points lower at 1,483.26. Brokers said the plunge in Tokyo's Nikkei index and the overnight fall on Wall Street overnight had undermined sentiment. (Reuter)

### TEMPUS

### Smart purchases keep Tomkins at the top

companies which can claim an unbroken ten-year record of earnings and dividend growth has dwindled dra-matically in this recession. Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate, is still in this select band and its achievement is all the more remarkable given its apparently squeaky-clean accounts.

The group's secret is good management and judicious acquisitions, particularly the latter. Tomkins has made seven acquisitions in the past 11 years. The last one, Philips Industries, which was acquired in June 1990, has pushed pre-tax profits up by 40 per cent to E43.7 million in the six months to November 2.

Group sales rose 52.2 per cent to £594 million in that period and trading profits rose 41.3 per cent to £37 million. The net interest receivable has risen by 57.5 per cent to £4.15 million per cent to £4.15 million and the group has £70 mil-lion of cash. Fully diluted earnings per share have risen by 9.7 per cent to 9.01 p and the dividend is up

15 per cent to 3.22p.
The Philips businesses contributed £17.6 million compared with £5.2 million for the ten weeks they were included last time. One-off costs of restructuring that business have not been split

Without Philips, trading profits at the rest of the businesses are down from £21 million to £19.4 million. Once interest and associated undertakings are inchided, they rise from £25.9 million to £26.1 million.

While Tomkins is still in the market for UK acquisitions, it does not need to make one in the short term. There are still benefits to come from a restructured Philips and Murray Ohio, the American cycle manufacturer, is growing strongly on the back of Wallmart, the American retail chain, where Tomkins is the fourth largest supplier.

The shares, up 4p at 438p, are trading on 16 times earnings, assuming profits of £132 million for the full year. While they appear to deserve the rating, they have enjoyed a spectacular run, outperforming the market by 50 per cent in the current year. Buy on weakness.

#### **Evode**

ANDREW Simon, chairman of Evode, wearily cites three problems as reasons for the company's disastrous per-formance in the recession: volume, volume and volume.



Burdened by debt: Andrew Simon of Evode

cern and the absence of any significant action to reduce debt will continue to depress the shares. Net borrowings of £46.1

million equate to gearing of 78 per cent, which excludes the impact of £24 million of oreference shares.

Financing costs totalled £7.2 million for the year. virtually unchanged from £7 million in the previous 12 months, and absorbed half of operating profits of £14 million, down from £21.9

At the pre-tax level, profits fell from £15.2 million to £7.3 million. The dividend is cut from 6.42p a share to 3.58p, with a final of 1.8p. This payment is uncovered by earnings of 3.8p, down from 11.4p, and there is a retained loss of £1.8 million. Some shareholders may

feel reassured by the payment of a dividend, albeit at a reduced level. Others may question whether the cost of £7.7 million can be justified, particularly in the absence of an upturn in demand and when the company is paring capital expenditure back to the bone.

Lower interest rates should ensure a recovery to bout £9.5 million this year but earnings growth will be negligible and at 56p the shares, which underper-formed the sector by 46 per cent in 1991, still look overwiced. overpriced.

Ellis & Everard ELLIS & Everard provides disturbing evidence in its interim report about life in the selling fields.

Not only has business been tough during the past six months, but it looks like staying tough for a long

Group turnover in the half year to end-October rose from £179.8 million to £198 million, but that was more to do with acquired businesses than anything else. While the basic chemicals distributive businesses managed to hold their heads up, the swimming pools and performance divisions generally let the side down.

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Group staff numbers have been trimmed by 100 to 2.170, and cost savings of El.5 million in the half year were achieved. There has been a general drive for greater efficiency and an overall attack on costs. However, interim pre-tax profits are down from £10.6 million to £7.5 million, and there are no signs of a demand upturn in sight. At the net level, earnings are down from 9.6p to 6.7p a share although the interim dividend is maintained at

Latest profits are better than those of the immediately preceding six- month oeriod. Dut the rumbles on, and inevitably year-end profit forecasts have been cut. Now only £14 million, against the previous year's £17.5 million and earlier thoughts of £17 mil-lion, is expected. At 187p, down 7p, the shares on 15.2 times prospective earnings

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#### AND STREET Blue chips slip back in morning trading

New York - Blue chips re- there were nosurprise develmained weaker in the late morning.A soft bond market, profit-taking and speculation that there would be no further rate cut by the Federal Reserve Board strengthened a technical correction that began last week, analysts The Dow Jones industrial

average was down about nine points at 3,191, off a session low of 3,184. In the broader market, losers led gainers by three to two. "I think it's a continuation

of the profit-taking and cor-rection we saw on Friday," said Ricky Harrington, of Marion Bass Securities. If MAJOR CHANGES

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Jacques Vert ..., ... 609p (-11p) ... 250p (-25p) ... 343p (-10p) ... 604p (-12p) ... 92p (-15p) Closing Prices .. Page 25 opments, he expected the market to raily by mid-week. ☐ Sydney — Sharp falls in Tokyo share prices exerted further downward pressure on the Australian share market, causing prices to drop in afternoon trade.

The All Ordinaries index closed 7.5 points lower at 1,660.4.

☐ Frankfurt — German shares closed surprisingly firmer, but below the day's highs. The market shrugged off the collapse of pay talks in the steel sector and the drop in Tokyo. The 30-share Dax index closed 6.96 points up at 1.622.67.

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# Recycling liabilities

green audits" must be rubbing their hands at the European Community's latest attempt af environmental bureaucracy. Whether or not the latest draft proposals from Brussels are an appropriate use of Community powers, they certainly look a near way of forcing the financial community to take pollution seriously. If banks find themselves liable to stand behind their clients' cleanup bills on land or industrial assets, they will be extremely careful about lending to such projects. The message will be particularly clear in Britain. where the risk of ending up in possession of security on default is at the forefront of bankers' minds.

-Even without the EC, the legal trend is clear from American experience. There remains an enormous difference between a European Commission draft and an EC directive, but chances are therefore that something embodying the principle will eventually become Community law. Before allowing that governments should consider the way lenders are likely to behave. To start with, any Euro legislation must not be retrospective. The last thing banks need. at the moment is another source of losses or another excuse not to lend Second, it must account for lenders likely attempts to avoid the implications. Otherwise, new financial instruments will be set up to avoid liability and would-be borrowers would face the bizarre prospect of being offered money only on condition that there is no security, which would ultimately undermine banks in a different way.

Given the recent experience of insurers, such risks. will be expensive to lay off. If loopholes are closed, there is therefore a threat to the level of funds available for many an industrial investment. Only after these implications have been thoroughly thought through should banks be set up in their attractive potential role as the Community's new environmental policemen.

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### Oil blip

here is nothing like political upheaval to upset oil price calculations. The price has been slipping steadily for months. Brent crude fell below \$22 a barrel at the end of October. passed \$21 a month later and, by last Thursday, had reached a ten-month low of \$16.85. Suddenly, the movement has gone into reverse, pushing the February price back up to \$17.81. Venezuela unilaterally declared a modest cut in. production to stem the downward tide ahead of an emergency Opec meeting, aimed at persuading some or all members to do likewise. The meeting, scheduled for February 12, has spawned judicious advance rumours of an agreement on cuts. Algeria, one of the countries to call the meeting, has, however, provided a swifter way of achieying

higher prices, even though there way of activelying higher prices, even though there scent indikely to be an immediate dispersion descripplies. The downtend of recent weeks reflected the failure of an expected hard winter to materialise. Instead, America has been basking in unseasonally mild weather. More transcally, Saudi Architecture of the active production. abia is reluctant to turn off the extra production it delivered to compensate for losses from Kuwait and Iraq since the Iraqi invasion. That policy has been echoed in other less important producing countries that now regard the extra revenue as vital for their economies. Price trends would have been much worse if Iraq and Kuwait had tellimed to the market at anything like their old levels and if the Russian pipeline was not rusting up. Low oil prices are just what America's economy needs for a short-term boost to consumers' spending power. Thus far, the \$1 a barrel rise in two days looks more like a blip than a change of trend.

# Consumers stand to win at the expense of investors under Labour

A Labour election victory would put

pressure on the prices of privatised and

popular shares, says **Martin Waller** 

t the time of last year's "prawn cocktail" offensive in the City, the Labour party met the two Scottish electricity companies to talk about its plans for the privatised industry, should the party achieve success in this year's general election.

The main plank of Labour's plans for electricity was the renationalisation of the national grid, giving the government control over the heart of the system, the delegation explained. The Scots, like the rest of the industry in Britain, would have to forgo the large dividend payments from the national grid that have boosted profits since privatisation. However, there were no plans, Labour said reassuringly, for full-scale renationalisation.

The Scots then pointed out, as ently as possible, that the national grid stops at Hadrian's Wall and they have their own, entirely independent transmission system.

A Scottish power company official said: "They said, 'Oh, really?' looked a bit puzzled and went away again. We haven't heard from them since." The anecdote seems to confirm the view that politicians of any party are on happier ground with the broad policy statement than with the more precise approach.

The BT share sale last year was dominated by two linked uncertainties, regulatory and political. What pressure would the regulator of the industry put the company under in coming years, and what were the chances, if you bought the shares, that a Labour government would change the goal posts or even buy them back a few months hence?

Clause four of Labour's constitution, which pledges common ownership, is open to interpretation, the party now says. Something of an embarrassment to the leadership, it is not much discussed these days by the researchers at Walworth Road. Full renationalisation is not on the

agenda. Buying all the utilities back at today's market prices would instandy wreck the incoming govern-ment's fiscal policy and financial credentials. Buying them back at the flotation price of 130p, against a current marker price nearer 320p. would alienate the mass of Britain's 12 million private shareholders.

Umil a couple of years ago, Labour policy envisaged regaining control of such milines by stripping the voting rights from shareholders, who would continue to own the companies and receive dividends. hat idea has also been dropped

There is still one residual pledge of renationalisation: of the water industry. Even here, however, Labour has conceded that this would not happen in its first full term. The party's policy on the ten privatised water companies in England and







Watchdog day: (Clockwise from top left) the four utility regulators, Ian Byatt of Ofwat; Stephen Littlechild, Offer, Sir Bryan Carsberg, Oftel; and Sir James McKinnon, Ofgas

Wales depends on half-formed plans to decentralise power from Whitehall out to regional governments. The latter would take over the running of the water industry by an as yet unspecified means. However, regional governments will have to wait for a second Labour term.

Labour claims, with some justification, that the much-criticised blueprint for the privatised electricity industry provides no coherent structure to ensure security of supply or foster energy conservation. Its purchase of the National Grid Company, owner of the transmission system by which power moves from the generators to the regional companies, is aimed at rectifying this. od of taking control, whether by straight decree or by purchase at the market price, and no indication as

to how it will be paid for. One option considered by Labour is raising the money by selling the Treasury's remaining 40 per cent

stake in the two generators, worth about £1.9 billion at today's prices. The energy department has put a £2 billion price tag on the grid.

ore damaging than such uncertainty for the generators would be a requirement, once the existing contracts cease in March next year, to continue to take British Coal output at above world prices. This would deprive them of cost savings and may see more power station closures. For investors in the distributors, the level of compensation for their stakes in the national grid would be critical. They draw £105 million in dividends from the per cent, on average, of their own dividends. Nigel Hawkins, of Hoare Govert, says that share prices rest on the expectation of higher dividends, thanks to existing dividends being covered three times by available

income. South Western Electricity

has virtually promised 9 per cent dividend growth over the next few years. Assuming compensation that roughly replaces the income distributors draw from the national grid, most stock market analysts think a tighter regulatory control on prices would be more damaging than renationalisation of the grid.

Given the limited plans for resuming state financial control. Labour's approach to privatised industries would rely heavily on regulation. This is intended to centre on the as yet unborn Consumer Protection Commission, which will replace and extend the powers of the four utilities regulators: Offer, headed by Stephen Littlechild; Ofgas, under Sir Ian Byatt; and Oftel, under Sir Bryan Carsberg.

The relationships between the latter and their associated industry vary between wary good humour in the case of water and power and outright hostility between British Gas and Ofgas. If rhetoric means anything, the price regime would be tougher under Labour. Water companies can expect to have to spend more on anti-pollution measures. and real dividend growth will be restricted. They can also expect reduced limits on the extent to which they can raise prices to the consumer to pay for new capital spending requirements. Regional electricity companies can look for much the same. The City expects tighter purse strings after an unfavourable review of the regulatory limits due in 1994-5. Recent moves by the regulators seem, however, to have anticipated Labour's desire to make the utility pips squeak.

For British Gas and BT, a Labour regulatory body would concentrate on standards of service to the consumer, at the companies' expense. BT is already in Labour's bad books because of the chairman's salary and the large profits it generates as Britain's biggest corporation.

However, there is an argument for

thinking a Labour government might not be the worst option. Fears over increased competition has held back the share price of British Gas and BT, which is under attack from Mercury, the Cable and Wireless offshoot, and local competition from cable companies.

as is under threat from the Office of Fair Trading, which wants to reduce the company's overwhelming share of the market for business customers and to hive off the distribution system to allow competitors easier access. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission may be called in at any moment.

Competition is unlikely to be as close to the top of Labour's agenda as it has been to that of the Tories, and it is possible that monolithic utilities may be left unhindered by rivals, if not actually featherbedded as they were in the public sector. A company such as BAA might even benefit from Labour's desire to emulate the French policy of promoting national champions.

Such sanguine views are not shared by Laurence Heyworth, at Robert Fleming Securities, who be-lieves Labour is more likely to sell the government's remaining 22 per cent stake in BT, which serves little useful purpose, and then allow the free market to do its worst, within the framework of a regulatory system that Labour claims will offer the toughest price regime in Europe. Downward pressure on prices would be matched by upward pressure on BT's costs to achieve various Labour social and industrial obiectives, all adding to pressure on

For Gas, Ian Graham, at County NatWest, thinks Sir James is already doing a tough enough job for Labour's purposes. "If you are looking for stocks which would be hit there. It's unlikely it would be very much worse at all."

Any wholesale return to the public sector is unthinkable. A Labour government would none the less put pressure on the share prices of some

#### France takes option to retire

HARRY France, jovial head of Credit Suisse Asset Management and without whom London may never have had a traded options market, is retiring after 31 colourful years in the Square Mile. France, who joined Buckmaster & Moore as a dealer in 1961 and was made senior partner seven years later, sat on the committee that paved the way for the birth of a formal options market in 1978. We were sent to Chicago and suggested a separate market for London," says France, aged 60, who was elected to the Stock Exchange council in 1974. "But there was a Labour government at the time, and prime minister Harold Wilson saw an options exchange as gambling with men's jobs." France. who lives in the Midlands, now plans to advise one or two local companies on the financial world. Angus Samuels took over as chief executive in September, and John Moore, a former cabinet minister, becomes chairman.

HEADLINE in the Dispatch, published in Gilroy, California: "Socks fall amid interest rate wornes."

#### Dollar strategy

BERKELEY Govert, the fund management house that is listed in London but reports in dollars, has strengthened its American image by poaching a top-ranked team from Continental Bank John Hess John Lowing and Ian Simpson were part of Confinental's European placement team - a job that involved



designing customised invest ment packages for companies
— and will advise Berkeley Govett on investment strategy. It is thought to be the first time a fund manager has recruited such a team.

#### Offices to let

ON THE wrong side of City regulators? Now, at last - a chance to win their hearts forever. In a report on fees, published yesterday, the Securities and Investments Board lets slip that its largest single expense — office accommodation - remains a nasty thorn in its side. The SIB staff have been moved under one roof to bring costs down, but the regulator has been unable to let its former offices in the Royal Exchange for the four years of the lease that remain.

Real world analyst MOST top-ranked analysts who switch to a rival firm do so within weeks of handing in their notice. It has taken Doug Hawkins four years. Hawkins, who ran James Capel's electricals team in the Eighties is joining Smith New Court to fill the hole left

by the departure of Mike Styles and Keith Sykes who are now at Crédit Lyonnais Laing. When he starts on March 2, it will be with a healthy respect for the "real" world. Hawkins quit the City in 1988 to run Office & Electronic Machines, a company that has had its ups and downs, but found he was missing the Square Mile. "It has been an exciting time to be exposed to the British economy," says Hawkins, who will be working closely with Mike Sperring, chair-man of UK Equities, and Chris McFadden, a salesman on the electricals desk.

Monkey business THE Chinese new year is not umil February 4. But Sir John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, will have an early taste of some crispy barbecued duck tonight when he joins HongkongBank's treasury team for its annual dinner in honour of the festival. Sir John will join 30 executives and corporate treasurers at Mosimann's, a private club off Belgrave Square, central London, which has dropped its European menu in favour of a Chinese selec-Tim O'Brien, HongkongBank's chief exec utive officer UK, and Guy Heald, head of the treasury division, will be among those tucking into consommé with quails eggs and other delicacies. We are moving from the year of goat to the year of the monkey - a creature which in Chinese folklore is mischie-

JON ASHWORTH | April 23, it is perhaps worth

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#### Bad dreams for Lloyd's names

BUSINESS) ETTERS

#### From Mr R.C. Dutton-Forshaw

Sir, All members of Lloyd's of London clearly understood when we joined that we might be in for every last penny. However, in our wildest dreams we never anticipated the present nightmare scenario, which is gradually bleeding so many people to death. I refer to the present forward Cash Calls that arrive with little or no warning. asking for payment within an extremely short time.

to what is really happening

Yours faithfully, R.C. DUTTON-FORSHAW. At the same time we have Pallingham Lock Farm. the briefest of information as Pulborough, Sussex.

#### Rich pickings from high-flying debt

From Mr Basil Course .

Sir, Creditors of Windsor Safari Park might take heart from the experience of the, then, Westminster Bank Brussels some years ago. The local court gave leave for the seizure of a debtor's assets. All he had of value was a collection of some 200 parrots, but when the bailiffs arrived they found that the birds had flown. About 100 of them had been driven away to the safety of Switzerland, the rest claimed diplomatic immunity chez the British military attache who was unaware how his hospitality was being abused. Through the good offices of the Foreign Office

the birds were soon placed into the care of Antwerp Zoo. In their new quarters they

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Yours faithfully, BASIL COURSE. 5 Orchard Way,

thrived, and so successful were their breeding activities. they covered their keep and repaid their former owner's debt including interest, legal fees and all other expenses.

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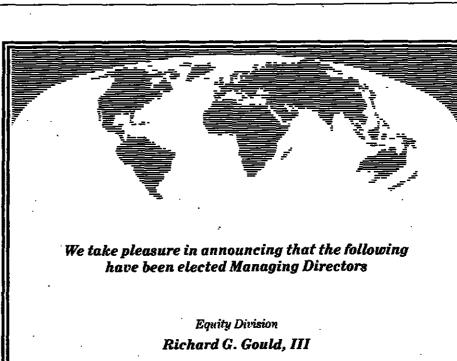
#### Two ways of emulating King Midas

From Mr D.K.L. Morgan

Sir, The heading to your feature on the Business Comment page ("High street Midas who lost his golden touch", January 7) was more apt than Gillian Bowditch appeared to realise. In view of Gerald Ratner's comments to the Institute of Directors on

remembering that the ancient legend of King Midas did not only refer to his golden touch. It also informed us that he had asses' ears although it did not tell us what he had between them.

Yours faithfully. D.K.L. MORGAN 365 Maidstone Road.



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The Maxwells argued yesterday that they need say nothing during fraud enquiries. Stephen Gilchrist reports

# Cheers for the right to silence

ancient common law right of silence yesterday when they refused to answer diestions about £450 million missing from Mirror Group Newspapers' pension funds. MPs hoping to question the brothers were told by George Carman, QC, that anybody "in peril of criminal charges is entitled from first to last in all circumstances in this country at common law to maintain his

The Maxwell case is the latest example of conflict between invesnigators' powers to compel defen-dants or witnesses to give information and a defendant's right of silence. This follows a ruling in November, cheered by civil libertarians, when Wallace Smith successfully challenged the powers of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) to compel people who are under investigation for fraud, or others, to answer questions.

Mr Smith was charged by the police with offences under the Companies Act 1985, which he denies. The SFO then decided to investigate his affairs and served him with a section 2, (2) notice requiring him to answer questions. and give information. He was told that, under the conditions of this section, he would not be cautioned and could be prosecuted if he. failed to answer questions without reasonable excuse.

Mr Smith, not impressed with the position in which the SPO had put him, applied for judicial review of the notice. Now, in what many see as a blow against the overweaning powers of investiga-tive bodies, the divisional court of the Queen's Bench Division has held that when a defendant has been charged in criminal proceedings he has the right of silence. which in turn gives him a "reasonable excuse" for failing to cooperate with the SFO.

Mr Smith, therefore, could not be forced to answer questions about matters forming the basis of the charge, although he could be questioned under section Z about

evin and ian Maxwell of silence is one of the pillars of our invoked the defendant's criminal justice system. The rules say the prosecution must prove a case and the defendant need not help it by self-incrimination. The tendency for about 15 years, particularly in commercial legislation, to ende this right or to negate it altogether is worrying.

Of course, there is legitimate concern and some sympathy with the investigators who face a sometimes difficult task but some practitioners feel that those responsible for the administration of Our criminal justice system are trying to fool the rest of us into believing we are still playing the same game despite a change in the rules. Justice is not a game and changes in the rules can have grave implications for our Citizens' rights and liberties

Under the Criminal Justice Act 1987 the director of the SPO may

The prosecution has to prove a case and the defendant need not help it by self-incrimination'

investigate any suspected offence that appears on reasonable grounds to involve serious or complex fraud.

The director is empowered to demand the attendance of witnesses and the production of docu-ments and, in particular, may require the person under investigation, or any other person who he has reason to believe has relevant information, to appear before him to answer questions or give information on anything relevant to

Non-compliance without reasonable excuse may amount to a criminal offence with a maximum penalty of six months jail. Mr Smith's application was

the Court of Appeal decision in Regina v Seelig and Regina v Spens earlier in the year. The court held that evidence amounting to admissions given by a person to trade and industry department inspectors during a Companies Act investigation may be used against that person in criminal proceedings. This was the case even though a refusal to answer self-incriminating questions can be treated as a contempt of court.

The court also said that inspectors are not required to caution the person. The department's investi-gative powers are similar in many ways to those of the SFO, except that refusal to cooperate is not a separate criminal offence but can be treated as a contempt of court.

In that case the Court of Appeal decided that those questioned under the 1985 Companies Act should be treated less favourably than the average person accused of crime "and that there was no unintended legislative muddle". In Mr Smith's case the divisional court gave a ruling that the "charged" status of an accused person effectively overrode any

n 1988 Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, challenged the SFO in the divisional court suggesting that it was improper to serve a section 2 (2) notice after he had been charged with criminal offences. The court decided that an SFO investigation could continue effectively up to the time of the trial. Although this is still the case. the Smith ruling does give protection in that a defendant cannot be compelled to answer questions relating to the offence with which he has been charged.

The SFO intends to appeal against the ruling. Meanwhile, some may consider that Mr Smith has gone some way towards halting what has appeared to be an almost unstoppable trend.

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Saunders: the ruling would have given him some protection

### The Devil who does a good job

alter Bagehot ob-served that the English have "stumbled on a constitution", which, although defective in its construction, has the very great merit that it works.

No aspect of the legal constitution better exemplifies this theory than the role of First Junior Treasury Counsel, Common Law. This week, at the start of the new law term. Stephen Richards begins his term of office, succeeding John Laws, who has been appointed to the High Court

The Treasury Junior is an independent barrister who acts only for the Crown in civil litigation, advising govern-ment departments on the law and arguing their cases in

In theory, he is the "Attor-ney-General's Devil", the junior who researches what the law officers need to know. In practice, he has an important role in government, assisting the Crown to

comply with the law and helping the development of administrative law by his submissions in leading cases. The growth in public law litigation and the consequent burdens of the work make it impossible for the modern Treasury Devil to follow the example of Sir Valentine

Holmes, appoint-

ed to the post in formed the task without any abatement of his private practice" as a libel specialist. Today, the Treasury Junior needs the help of a panel of barristers who act for the Crown part-time as and

when required. As Lord Justice Woolf, a former Treasury Junior, has explained, it would be a mistake "to underestimate the advantages of an independent mind in the inner closets of

The rule of law is promoted by the access of an independent barrister to senior civil servants and ministers, who rightly fear the embarrassment of defeat in well publicised litigation.

Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, who was the Attorney-General from 1970 to 1974, wrote in his autobiography that whenever he appeared in court, he always insisted that the Treasury Junior, Gordon Slynn, 'should also be briefed, for I always felt more comfortable

with him beside me". In his studies of the files of the Lord Chancellors's department, Robert Stevens has discovered that Hubert Parker declined promotion to the High Court Bench in 1948 because, as Treasury Devil, he considered himself "really part of government" with work to do in support of the Labour

government.
Parker later served as the Lord Chief Justice from 1958 to 1971. After his death, the Dictionary of National Biography suggested that his years as Treasury Devil, from 1945 to 1950, "caused him to have the actions of the executive than had been the case with some of his predecessors".

In more recent years, no such criticism could be made of the Treasury Juniors who have been promoted to the Bench on completion of their

terms of office.

Lord Bridge, Sir Gordon
Slynn, Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Simon Brown have developed public law in a markedly liberal direction.

Endeavouring to explain to courts, on a daily basis, the reasoning of government departments is hard work. As Sir John Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, stated in his judgment in an immigration case in 1982, "the impartial observer asks Mr Simon Brown to explain how paragraph 70 (of the immigration rules) is intended to operate, and Mr Brown says that he

will have to take instructions". Lord Justice Woolf has writof the difficulty in nt. ury æd

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representing the Crown when Lord Dennning was rewriting the law books "with an irrepressible enthusiasm". At the beginning of the 19th century, Charles Abbott was a Treasury Devil described by Campbell in his Lives of the Chief Justices as having "the most marvellous inapt-

COUNSEL itude for the func-DAVID tions of an advocate". He al-PANNICK most always lost

> argued that this "partly arose from his power of discrimination and soundness of understanding which, enabling him to see the real merits of the cause on both sides, afterwards fitted him so well for being a judge"

Nowadays, thanks to the advocacy skills of Treasury Juniors, and the assistance they receive from the Treasury Solicitor's department, the Treasury Devil normally has the best tunes in court.

he example of Charles Abbott, however, serves to remind lawyers of what has been well understood and acted on by all recent holders of the office. All advocates have to reconcile their duties to their client with their duties to the court, and with their conscience.

The Treasury Junior has a specific responsibility for helping to ensure that the Crown complies with the law and that the court is provided with all the information it requires to ensure that justice is done in the cases before it.

The highest tribute that can be paid to Mr Laws is that after a period of office during which politics and the law have been more difficult to separate than ever before, he hands over an institution whose value and independence is recognised and re-spected throughout the legal profession. All members of the Bar will wish Mr Richards well in upholding this important tradition.

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### Why I believe judges should retire earlier



Gareth Williams: reforms

had waited for years to read an intellectually rigorous and Linternally consistent justification of judicial appointments. Then I read Sir Frederick Law ton's article (The Times, Decem-Ber 3, 1991). At first I thought it was an elaborate leg-pull. The tests applied to judges, with Sir Frederick's apparent approval, include: 'Is he slow? Is he pompous? Does he lose his temper?"

Sir Frederick compares experienced judges with good claret. Decent claret is commonly kept in dank cellars, in isolation, and always in the dark. When disturbed or agitated it becomes clouded and obscure. The headfine to the article was "The right. system for the judges". What we need is the right system for justice. The two may not always be the same. Circuit judges have to apply for the job and retire at 72. High Court judges are appointed and retire at 75. Why?

The Amorney-General's advertisement for the new Director of perhaps it could be improved.

### Gareth Williams, QC, the chairman

of the Bar, puts forward his case

Public Prosecutions refers to the position as one of special constitutional importance. Is judicial work not similarly so? Why should judicial posts not be advertised? Why, if an ambassador retires at 60, should a senior judge continue to 75 and, with extensions. beyond that? Some of Lord Reid's great judgments might have been lost on his retirement at 65, and so they would have been on his retirement at 70, with which Sir Frederick is apparently happy. Equally some of Lord Denning's lesser offerings might have been avoided on his earlier retirement.

The present Lord Chancellor says the quality of our judiciary is extremely high. So it is. The work is exceptionally difficult, done under pressure, often subject to illinformed criticism. However.

The bottom rung on the judicial ladder is sometimes said to be the assistant recordership. There are about 900 applicants for assistant recorderships at present. Only 70 are women. There are no figures for ethnic minorities. There are 452 assistant recorders, only 31 being women, only six from ethnic minorities. There are 450 circuit judges. Only 20 are women, and only two from ethnic minorities.

There are two possible explanations. The first is that women and ethnic minorities are no good. The second is that the selection process may be flawed. I prefer the second. All the figures come from the Lord Chancellor's department which, under the present incumbent, is refreshingly open to question and rational argument

- There are other questions. Should not the Lord Chief Justice perhaps ten years? Is it right that High Court judges from the Queen's Bench Division should sit in the Court of Appeal criminal division? I suggest a better system is to appoint more Court of Appeal judges who can devote their time exclusively to appellate work. We could then look for more consistency between divisions of the Court of Appeal criminal division. The appeal system's dreadful delays could be mitigated.

If we want an efficient, effective criminal appeal system we must provide the resources: sufficient lords justices of appeal for the work, with facilities for adequate assistance and research.

Public confidence in our criminal justice system has taken a severe knock. We need to restore that confidence. A useful first step is to choose our judges with more openness and apparent fairness. A system that Anthony Trollope would have relished will not do.

### Deadly divorce

DIVORCE, it seems, is bad for your health as well as your bank balance. A report from the organisation One plus One, based at the Central Middlesex Hospital, west London, has found that divorced men aged between 35 and 44 are twice as likely to die early as married men and that divorced women between the ages of 25 and 29 are one and a half times more likely to die early than married women. Divorced men are twice as likely to die from heart disease and two and a 'half times more likely to die of a stroke than married men. Divorced people also smoke and drink far more heavily than married people and patterns of heavy drinking are likely to be passed on to divorced people's children. In the population as a whole drink-related disease is closely related to certain occupations — solicitors, barristers and judges are one and a half times more likely than the average to die from liver damage.

M'lud's profile

EVERYONE likes statistics about the judiciary. In a recent survey, the journal Labour Research examined the background of Britain's judiciary, including the ten in six judges claims to enjoy members of the House of music, one in 15 likes theatre



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Lords, the 28 judges and three senior officiators in the Court of Appeal, the 84 High Court judges and the 450 circuit judges.
The revelations show there

are fewer senior female judges than five years ago, that there is still only one black judge, that the judges' average age is 66, that one in 16 has held or stood for political office, and that all ten law lords went to public schools. About 75 per cent of the 27 Court of Appeal judges, 82 per cent of the High Court judges and two-thirds of circuit judges went to Oxford or Cambridge. In their spare time only one

and of the top 123 only eight say they enjoy reading. Their preferences are golf (22 per cent), sailing (13 per cent) and fishing (13 per cent).

Fresh talent

THE high spot of the latest antics in the Save the Children Fund "Children in Cities" campaign was the Freshfields talent show, which, apart from raising £1,000 for the fund through the ticket sales. featured members of staff in vinyl mini skirts, silver wigs and Eivis rhinestones performing a range of numbers including the John Travolta hit "Greased Lightning". The whole event was video-taped and showings of the video are London University's careers expected to increase the origi- advisory service and sponnal £1,000 takings severalfold. The firm, however, is being rather coy about when Executives and The Times. the video can be expected to

be seen by the public. Time to sign



up. The fair is organised by sored by the Bar, the Law Society, the Institute of Legal More details are available from 0800 252183.

A case to ape

THERE is still time for DESPITE getting in a lawyer accountancy firms, banks to help. Timmy the gorilla and others that recruit law- has had to leave Cleveland yers to join the legal profes- Zoo. The 200 wanted to send sion and host a stand at this him to the Bronx Zoo, where year's Law Fair. The fair, on four breeding females were February 6 and 7, the biggest waiting. The Cleveland zoo's recruitment event for law visitors, however, asked a students, had more than count for a restraining order. 5.000 visitors last year. A arguing that Timmy was wide range of big and small happy in the company of an law firms are already signed intertile female gorilla. Kribe

Kate. The judge threw out the case, saying Timmy had not been ill-treated and that the zoo had the right to move him. The zoo says the case sets a precedent to assist it in staving off attempts to intervene in breeding programmes for endangered species.

Fee fight A DISPUTE has erupted

between the City law firm Manches & Co and the legal recruitment consultants Garfield Robbins. Manches recently merged with another similar-sized City firm, Carter Faber. Garfield Robbins. which undertakes an introduction service, says Manches has not paid a £149,918, fee said to be calculated on Carter Fabet's numover, for introducing Carter Faber, and has issued a writ alleging breach of contract. Lindsay Hill, a partner with Fox Williams and Garfield Robbins's solicitor, says: "Our clients had a contract with Manches for the work, with a fee formula provided for. The amount they are asking for is in accordance with that fee formula." Alun Lamerton, Manches's chief executive, says: We are in dispute with Garfield Robbins about their involvement in the merger negotiations with Carter Faber. The proceedings are being defended."

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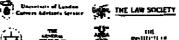
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# Safety on the agenda

Companies may have to reveal their environmental and safety record, Henry Witcomb writes

reconvashing, the practice by which companies try to repackage their foducts to appear envinumentally friendly, is unoubtedly one of the growth Of porate sports of the 1990s. This practice, however, will coeive a timely setback sould a private member's lill, introduced by Jeff looker, the Labour MP for lirmingham, Perry Bar, re-eive a second reading in the louse of Commons on

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The Corporate Safety and invironmental Information bill, which is jointly promoted by the Freedom of Informaion and the Citizen Action Compensation Campaigns, would oblige companies for the first time to disclose details of their environmental and safety performance in their annual reports.

The bill would provide both individual and institutional shareholders with crucial information with which to select and monitor the companies in which they wish to invest. Not surprisingly, the government, which is the foremost champion of a shareholding democracy, seems to be in favour of this

Last year, at the Shell Lecture at the Royal Society of Arts, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, urged all businesses to set environmental targets and to publish accounts showing performance against those targets. He called for companies "... to commit themselves to the basic strategy of environmental review, target

setting and public reporting". David Trippier, the environment minister, was even more explicit, in an address to the Confederation of British Industry in June 1990, saying that companies should tell the world about their environmental performance through their annual reports

distributed to shareholders. Despite what appears to be have no legal right to be informed of a company's environmental and safety record in its annual eport. Moreover, voluntary boardroom disclosure all too often reveals a confusion between

economy and the truth. The absence of any safety information in the 1989 annual report of the Ready Mixed Concrete group, for instance, is unsatisfactory.

The report does not mention the Thames riverboat disaster, in which 51 people died after the Bowbelle, which is owned by a Ready Mixed Concrete subsidiary. collided with the Marchioness.

Should Mr Rooker's bill become law, shareholders would be provided with a wide-ranging review of company activity. Every company would be required to disclose in its annual report:

• The number of times it or its senior management have been convicted of environmental and safety offences, giving details of every

• The number of improvement and prohibition notices that have been served on it by regulatory bodies such as the National Rivers Authority or the Health and Safety

 The number of comper tion payments made by it after an injury or fatal accident, giving details in every case of the cause of the accident, the nature of the injury, and the amount of compensation and legal costs

• The number of reports made under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1985.

The information provided would enable shareholders to evaluate - objectively their company's performance. and, if necessary, bring about change. In turn, directors would be obliged to attend to environmental and safety matters, and to deal with them in public in a detailed,



disclosure should not be seen just as a means of calling a company to account for its

Disclosure of environmental and safety performance represents an opportunity for companies to highlight their competitive edge over other companies. After all, millions of days are lost through injury, and millions

pounds are lost through environmental clean-up costs ev-

Last year, John Collins, Shell UK's chair and the head of a government advisory committee on industry and the environment, said "trans-parency" is the key to meeting and maintaining environ-mental standards. Mr Collins's commitment

and we are looking for bold action, not rhetoric," he said. Mr Rooker's bill presents an opportunity for such ac-

tion. The opportunity must not be missed.

to this objective was clear. "In

the end, any body like this will

be judged on what it does,

The author, a barrister, is a member of the Citizen Action

### Mergers lawyers who make it big

and acquisitions work continues to be dominated by Slaughter & May, Freshfields and Linklaters & Paines. Norton Rose is also snapping up a large chunk of

The 1991 lawyers' league table is published in this month's issue of Acquisitions Monthly. Although the order has been slightly reshuffled this year — Slaughter having eased Freshfields off the top - these figures will not disturb the self-assurance of the leading firms' managing

The intense popularity of the leading lawyers means they are regularly being "conflicted out" of some key deals. The exact place in the pecking order therefore has little significance. What really counts is consistency in appearing among the top

The contrasting strengths, however, are significant. To a large extent Slaughter owes its position to its commanding lead in advising companies. According to Acquisitions Monthly, it was involved with 19 deals on behalf of companies with a total value of almost £5,000 million. This was far ahead of Simmons & Simmons, the next firm on the companies side, which clocked up nine deals at a total value of less than £2,000 million. The combined value of deals for Freshfields company clients was £1,661 million.

The position is reversed when one looks at the work done for financial advisers. Here Freshfields takes the lead with ten deals worth more than £2,500 million, while Slaughter's five deals rated just over £500 million. Linklaters secures its position by doing fairly well on both ation for all-round strength and excellence.

Further down the table, there is a noticeable improvement by Travers Smith Braithwaite, which has moved from number 20 to number ten, and Gouldens, where the leap is from 19 to 12. In both cases the acceleration through the ranks is

The market for mergers due to involvement in a relatively small number of very big deals. There were also some

unique entries into the various tables that will, no doubt, be highlighted as landmarks in the histories of one or two partnerships. Certainly the appearance of the Scottish firm McGrigor Donald is worth noting for its work on the defence of Invergordon Distillers. At a time when the biggest law firms in Scotland are claiming a similar status to the leading London firms this can only help their case.

or comparatively small firms such as Howard Kennedy and A. & L. Goodbody, which make the acquisitions monthly survey for the first time, 1991 will

always be regarded fondly. Even the big firms will be relieved, if not satisfied, at the way last year ended. The first half of 1991 was fairly flat, leaving many mergers and acquisitions lawyers to twiddle their thumbs. A surge in activity in the late summer and autumn, however, has restored the figures to a reasonable level. Most of

Slaughter's work, for example, came in during the final quarter. Clients including Williams Holdings, Lasmo and BTR were involved in hostile bids, all worth more than £500 million, for UK

targets. The next few months should prove interesting. Lawyers' views around the City were thick last week on whether the long drawn-out run-up to the election would encourage or deter companies from plunging into further acquisitions. Some argue that this year's first half will be as dead as last year's, while others believe there is likely to be a rash of opportunistic bids as political uncer-

tainties mount. "Despite the decline [in the volume of work] it would appear that the legal profession is the nearest thing to a recession-proof industry, says Joanna Gant, of Acquisitions Monthly. Ironically, some of the work during 1991 came from the unravelling and rationalising of mismatches that occurred in the booming late 1980s.

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Combined lawyers' mergers and acquisitions league table. showing legal advisers acting for a financial adviser or a company in UK public takeovers from January to December

AD	VISER	DEALS	VALUE (Em
1	Slaughter & May *	24	5,495
2	Freshfields (1)	21	4,173
3	Norton Rose (7)	18	2,929
4	Linklaters & Paines (2)	14	2,911
5	Simmons & Simmons (11)	10	2,050
6	Ashurst Morris Crisp (5)	20	1,490
7	Herbert Smith (9)	21	1,218
В	McKenne & Co (18)	7	541
9	Alien & Overy (6)	12	523
10	Travers Smith Braithwaite (20)	6 <sup>.</sup>	509
11	Clifford Chance (10)	13	482
12	Gouldens (19)	2	407
13	S.J. Berwin (13)	7	393
14	McGrigor Donald (-)	2	355
15	Nabarro Nathanson (8)	5	327
16	Theodore Goddard (-)	9	233
17	Rowe & Maw (-)	2	167
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[Judgment December 18] Rolls-Royce pic was a commmercial undertaking notwithstanding that all its shares were held by nominees of the Crown and that its trading connection with the state was of importance to the defence of the

Accordingly, a female employee of the company required to retire at 60 when male employees retired at 65 could not rely on an EEC Council Directive guar-anteeing men and women the same working conditions without discrimination on the ground of

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by Mrs D. S. Doughty from the decision of he Employment Appeal Tribuna (The Times August 10, 1987; [1987] ICR 932) whereby it allowed an appeal by the company from the decision of an industrial tribunal that Mrs Doughty could rely on article 5(1) Council Directive 76/207/EEC, the equal treatment directive, to uphold her claim that she had been unfairly dismissed and discriminated against contrary to section 6(2)(b) of the Sex Discrimination Act

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Tim Kerr for Mrs Doughty; Mr David Pannick for Rolls-Royce.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL said that the appeal was con-cerned with the effect of Council Directive 76/207/EEC, the equal

questions of principle which had already been extensively discussed by the Court of Justice of the European Communities and subsequently by the House of Lords in Foster v British Gas ptc [[1991] I QB 409; [1991] AC 306). On February 26, 1986 Mrs Doughty was compulsorily retired

at 60 in accordance with the company's standard terms of employment. If she had been a man she could have cont nued for another five years.

At that time that disparity was legitimate as far as English law was concerned since section 6(4) of the 1975 Act excluded discrimination arising out of retirement provisions. It was not egitimate under the equal treatment directive.

Subsequently, domestic legisla-tion was amended but the amendment was too late to save Mrs Doughty's claim under English law. She sought recourse to European law contending that she was entitled to the direct benefit of Directive 76/207/EEC.

While the precise jurispruden tial basis on which individuals had been held entitled to derive benefit from European Directives which fulfilled certain conditions had yet entirely to be clarified, the general nature of the doctrine was by now well established.

The foundation cases were Innenstadt ([1982] ECR 53) and Marshall v Southampton Health

Authority ([1986] QB 401). The question at the root of the appeal was: Did the act of the company in denying Mrs Doughty the opportunity to con-

years amount to reliance by the United Kingdom upon its own failure to bring English law into conformity with the equal treatment directive?

After discussing the opinion of the Advocate-General, the judg-ment of the European Court and the judgment of the House of Lords in Foster his Lordship said that the principles to be extracted therefrom could be applied to the instant case in the light of two

I Was Mrs Doughty correct in contending that the sole test of whether the entity in question fell within the doctrine in Becker and Marshall was whether it was under the control of the state? 2 If that contention was not correct, to what extent did the answer furnished by the Euro-pean Court in Foster constitute an exhaustive statement of the criteria for determining the status of the entity: and if it was not exhaustive, what test should be

applied to the present case? The adoption by the European Court of a much wider test of which the power of control was only one of several cumulative criteria showed that the propo-sition advanced by Mrs Doughty could not be correct.

The same conclusion, for the same reason, followed from an examination of the leading speech in the House of Lords in Foster. If control had been the touchstone, the second hearing in the House of Lords would have been a

formality.
Accordingly, would reject Mrs Doughty's first

concerning the status of the test prescribed by the European

The company accepted, rightly, that the test was not intended to provide the answer to every category of case.

Nevertheless, in a case of the same general type as Foster the court's formulation must always be the starting point and would usually be the finishing point. If all the factors identified by the court were present it was likely to require something very unusual to produce the result that an entity was not to be identified with the was not to be identified with the

Conversely, although the absence of a factor would not necessarily be fatal, it would need the addition of something else, not contemplated by the formula, before the Marshall principle had a prospect of being brought

So the court had to begin by seeing whether the three criteria established by the formula in Foster were satisfied in the case of the company. For that purpose, his Lordship would assume that the second criterion, namely that whatever "service" the company provided was at the material time nder the control of the state" was fulfilled by Rolls-Royce at the

If that requirement had been crucial it would have been examined more closely. The position was quite different

time in question.

in regard to the other two criteria. As to the first, his Lordship uld not see how it could be said that the company "was made responsible, pursuant to a measure adopted by the state for providing a public service".

The company was a commer-cial undertaking which as part of its business traded with the state on terms which were negotiated at arms length. It was true that the trading connection was of importance to the defence of the realm, an activity peculiar to the state, and was liable to become even more so in time of war; and the importance of that was mani-fested not only by the closeness of the watch kept on the trading relationship but also by the importance attached by officers of the state to ensuring that the company kept its trading capacity fully in being.

Nevertheless, on the evidence before the industrial tribunal the services were provided to the state and not to the public for purposes which were of benefit to the state.

Nor could his Lordship see any evidence that the company pos-sessed or claimed to exercise any special powers of the type enjoyed

For those reasons his Lordship considered that the company did not at the material time fulfil the requirements of the ruling in Foster. Thus did not mean that Mrs Doughty's claim based on the Directive must inevitably fail, but there was a need to find some strong additional reason special ing that the Directive could be relied on by the individual against the company. His Lordship could

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Sir John Megaw agreed. Solicitors: Mr Joe O'Hara, Wimbledon; Freshfields. Plea for more judges

The Commercial Court policy of fixing hearing dates for as soon as the parties were ready for trial might have to be modified unless further judicial resources were made available to the court.

Mr Justice Evans, judge in charge of the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated on December 20 in a

stated on December 20 in a statement in open court. MR JUSTICE EVANS said

that the following were the statis-tics for the year ended July 31, 1991 (1990 in brackets): cases started: 2,034 (1,874); ex parte injunction applications: 257 (194); summonses issued: 3,341

The number of cases brought before the court had increased considerably, but thanks to a reduction in the number of cases which came to trial (95 as against which carrie to trial (55 as against 125) and the overall settlement rate increasing from about two-thirds to nearly three-quarters of the cases given trial dates (270 out of 364) the court sitting with six judges was able to keep abreast of its work.

The pattern of the Michaelmas term had been markedly less successful. A substantial num of trials had had to be stood out of the list for lack of a judge to hear them. The problem was particu-larly acute during October and November when nearly one quar-ter of cases given fixed dates could

not be heard on those dates. There were many reasons for that unfortunate experience. Perhaps the primary reason was that the full complement of six High Court commercial judges had not

term until December. It had been possible despite

that to maintain sittings in six cours for most of the term. because two circuit judges had been able to sit as additional judges for different periods and experience had been able to sit as assistant judges on a temporary basis for 17 days.

However, it remained true that the burden was one which could not be carried indefinitely and it was only because of the quite exceptional efforts by all con-cerned that the court's high standards had been maintained. It had to be said, therefore, that the present situation was one

where the policy of fixed hearing dates for as soon as the parties were ready for rial was under considerable pressure and might well have to be modified unless further judicial resources were made available to the court. The Civil Justice Review

sed the vital importance of maintaining the policy and contemplated that as many as seven courts might be required for

the purpose.

His Lordship raised three mat-ters of procedure primarily for the information of solicitors. 1 The provisions of paragraph 12.1 of the Guide to Commercial Court Practice (see Order 72 of the Rules of the Supreme Court) regarding the time for issuing the

mmons for directions were too often ignored.

A depressingly large number of summons for directions were issued before discovery and inspection had taken place. The reasons why that was premature and

been available in the Michaelmas potentially wasteful were set our ir

If the plaintiff had not given discovery then he should do so before issuing the summons. I the defendant failed to do so, the correct course was for the plaintiff to issue the summons requiring The defendant was likely to have to pay the costs of such a store

In his Lordship's view the time had come to start penalising plaintiffs and their solicitors for costs thrown away when the summons for directions was isued prematurely.

2 All solicitors were reminded of summons was issued in an action which had been given a trial date, that date should be stated on the face of the summons: see Practice Direction (Commercial Court: Revised Practice) [1990] 1 WLR 481)). That was helpful and important to the court staff. 3 It was a weekly and often a daily experience that consent orders were sought for actions to be ended in ways which were vari-ously described as the action being discontinued, dismissed or withdrawn and including references to the court's record being

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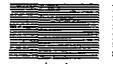
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Last year, it was sore shins: this year, it is a sore shoulder. Nobody doubts that the injury is genuine. Equally, no-body can remember when Lendl, Becker or Edberg last withdrew before the start of a grand slam with an injury.

Tony. Pickard, Edberg's coach, whose loyalties were tested for the first time since. he became Britain's Davis Cup captain, could not have picked a more ideal opponent for his man's first competitive match in nearly two-and-ahalf months.

Bates, says a colleague from L'Equipe, has a partie de chateau type of game, which means he is graceful but harmless in such august company. "I knew he had nothing to hurt me," Edberg said. "So was a good match for me."

Pickard's pleasure at Edberg's 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 win was tempered by sympathy for the British No. I. "He deserved a better fate after coming through qualifying

Men's singles
FIRST ROUND: P McEnroe (US) bt M
Gerro (I), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4: A Cherkenov (CS)
bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-3, 7-5, 6-1; P Cane
(it) bt B Black (Zim), 6-4, 6-4, 6-1; L
Koslowski (Gr) bt J Arass (US), 6-1; 7-6,
6-0; M Schapers (Neth) bt T Champion
(Fr) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; I Lend (Cr) bt R
Fromberg (Aus), 6-4, 8-2, 6-2; G Bloom
(Isr) bt M Aurelio Gorizz (Sp), 6-7, 8-2, 6-0,
6-1; C Ploine (Fr) bt J Frana (Arg), 7-4,
1-6, 6-1, 6-1; J Eltingh (Neth) bt K Brassch
(Ger), 2-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5; D Postagno
(US) bt C Limberger (Aus), 2-6, 6-3, 1-6,
6-3, 6-4, C Mezzadori (Switz) bt J Morgan
(Aus), 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; J Fitzgerald
(Aus) bt M Koevermans (Neth), 7-6, 6-4,
7-4, A Chesnotov (CS) bt F Fontang (Fr),
6-3, 7-6, 6-1; F Clavet (Sp) bt M Streba
(CX), 6-2, 7-6, 2-5, 7-5; CJ Steeb (Ger) bt
R Furten (II), 8-4, 8-4, 8-2; R Resheed
(Aus) bt D Marcelino (Br), 6-4, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2
6-4; B Becter (Ger) bt J Gurnarsson
(Swel), 6-1, 8-4, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt J
Batas (GB), 6-4, 8-2, 8-4; P Hearhais
(Neth) bt J Hissek (Switz), 6-0, 2-6, 2-6,
4-6, 8-2; Vord (Anel) bt G Brauer (Fr), 5-2 Men's singles

Twice, Becker fired down three straight aces and his

and he played well. There are

plenty of guys here he could

On yesterday's form.

Becker was certainly not one

of them. The defending

champion announced his re-

turn to Flinders Park with a

clap of thunder, thudding 25

aces past the hapless Jan

Gunnarsson, of Sweden.

Twenty-five aces? That is

quite a lot, even for me,"

Becker said. In just 63 min-

utes, too.

have beaten," he said.

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Women's singles VFORTHET'S STUGGES

FIRST ROUND: J Limmer (Aus) bt E
Zerdo (Switz), 6-3, 6-2; M Kidoweld
(Japen) b A Minter (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; L
Savchenko-Nelland (Latvia) bt 3
Appairmens (Bel), 7-5, 6-2; J Capriad (US)
bt N Medivedeva (Ukraine), 6-2, 6-0; M
Maleova-Fragniere (Switz) bt G Heligeaon
(US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; R Fairbenk-Nädeffer
(US) bt C Roubin (US), 6-4, 6-1; S Testud

when he won the first two sets against Jeff Tarango, not even Tarango — a creative writer and philosopher in his spare time - would have dared to imagine victory. But truth proved stranger than fiction and the Californian emerged triumphant after

nearly three hours. Lendl, a straight-sets victor over Richard Fromberg, now meets another Australian, Roger Rasheed, who nearly gave up the game two years ago to play Australian Rules. Rasheed gained his wild card into the Open only as a reward for winning a satellite tournament in Australia last October.

He intends to make the most of his big moment against Lendl. "I like to be aggressive and I just hope I can do some damage," he said. To help him, he is reading a book on psychology called How to Think Big. In the women's singles,

Jennifer Capriati and Monica Seles lost two games each in reaching the second round and Jo Durie had an excellent 7-5, 6-1 win over Florencia Labat. Two other British girls, Samantha Smith and Sara Gomer, lost. Like Bates, they are in danger of being



Capped crusader: Becker powers to victory over Gunnarsson at Flinders Park yesterday

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### Bianchi breaks through

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See is 40

Garmisch-Partenkirchen: Patrice Bianchi overcame Hubert Strolz, the Austrian veteran, and Alberto Tomba, the Olympic champion, yesrerday to achieve France's first success in a World Cup siaiom for five years.

Bianchi, who was behind Thomas Stangassinger, of Austria, after the first leg. was mobbed by team-mates celebrating the first French statom success since Didier Bouvet won at Parpan, Switzeriand, in 1986.

The piste was hard but it gripped, so you could attack all the way down," Bianchi, from Val d'Isère, said after his first World Cup win.

A battle between Alberto Tomba and Paul Accola failed to materialise, but Accola won the combination event to take over from Tomba as overall World Cun leader. Reuteri

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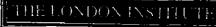
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# Folkestone prize looks at mercy of smart Calabrese

NICKY Henderson, the trainer of the outstanding novice chaser Mutare, can today land another good prize for novices, the Whitelaw Gold Cup at Folkestone, with Cala-

Without cutting quite the same dash as Mutare, Calabrese has still acquitted himself well since the decision was taken to switch him from hurdling to chasing. Having begun with a second to Dan Marino at Taunton, Calabrese went one better when he beat Auction Law by six lengths at Newton Abbot.

Arguably his best performance, though, was when he returned to that track 11 days ago and finished second to Minnehoma over today's distance. He was endeavouring to give 7lb to a horse whose fine first season over hurdles two years ago was crowned by a victory in the Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold Hurdle final at Newbury. In that instance Miinnehoma beat none other than the high-class Remittance Man.

Although beaten into second, Calabrese finished so far in front of the remainder that it is not difficult to envisage him giving weight to both Andros Prince and Celtic Chief's rather disappointing younger brother Chief Celt.

#### MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Today's programme on the East Kent track can begin with the successful husband and wife partnership of Chris and Pip Nash winning the Ted Long Challenge Cup for

amateur riders with Loor. The winner of six point-topoints last year, Ixor now seems unlikely to be troubled by only a 51b penalty judged on the way that he won a handicap for novices at Ling-field eight days ago.

Otherwise the card should be notable for doubles for both Jenny Pitman and Mar-



Henderson: has strong hand of novice chasers

begin by winning the Dan Swinden National Hunt Novices' Hurdle with Mailcom. who is my nap following that authorantive win at Huntingdon on Boxing day, which in turn followed a promising first effort over hurdles at

Chepstow. Rossyan, who won the valuable Tote Jackpot Handicap Hurdle at Sandown last Febmary when he was trained by Rod Simpson, is taken to win the Deal Novices' Chase foliowing that encouraging Fontwell at the end of last year which showed that he has lost none of his sparkle.

Equally important, Rouvan has the scope to do well at charing and he can overcome several above-average novices headed by Olveston.

In a similar but less competitive race at Sedgfield, it will be interesting to see whether Senator Snugfit, who won so well at Wetherby last Friday having already won at Catterick, can keep up the good work at the expense of Padaventure, who was beaten six lengths by Jodami on his chasing debut at Kelso last week. While conceding that an 8lb allowance should certainly help Padadventure, I prefer Senator Snugfit.

### Maguire enquiry adjourned

THE Jockey Club enquiry owner and trainer, said: "We into Adrian Maguire's right have been given fresh evito claim a weight allowance has been adjourned (Michael Seely writes). The authorities agreed to a request by Geoff Hubbard and Ferdy Murphy, the owner and trainer respectively of three Maguireridden winners at Sandown on January 4 now threatened with disqualification, to delay

the hearing. Murphy is contesting the Jockey Club's calculation, on Maguire's right to a 3lb claim. Noel Watkins, a solicitor acting on behalf of the count against a rider's claim.

owner and trainer, said: "We dence by the Jockey Club and need time to digest it. It is very complex."

He is far from satisfied that the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee would be correct if it disqualified Maguire from 13 races for incorrectly

The Suffolk trainer thinks that the Jockey Club have erred in including all Maguire's victories as an amateur in Ireland. Under Irish Turf Club rules, all wins

But that is not the case in Britain, where only races ridden against professionals

Murphy believes that only Maguire's Irish wins against professionals should count. "It looks as though they have included all his wins," said the trainer. "Jockey Club rule 109 (II) (a), the rule under which they have acted, says apprentice races, opportunity races, races run prior to June 30, 1992, conditional jockeys races and National Hunt Flat races under these rules are

# 1.10 Keen Vision. 1.40 Almost A Princess. 2.10 Cazaudehore. 2.40 Scotoni. 3.10 Sailor Boy. 3.40

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GOING: STANDARD

1.10 VANGUARD JUVENILE NOVICES **HURDLE** (£1,375: 2m) (8 runners) 🗀 🙃 1 130 KEEN VISION 28 (D,8F,6) D Advitino 11-5

1.40 RENOWN CLAIMING HURDLE

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: T Thomson Jones, 6 winners from 14 numers, 42.9%; S Dow, 6 from 15, 40.0%; J Jenkins, 15 from 58, 25.9%; K Cunningharo-Brown, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Boeley, 5 from 23, 21.7%; J White, 5 from 28, 19.2%. JOCKEYS: A Dicken, 3 winners from 6 ndes, 50.0%; H Devres, 12 from 32, 37.5%; S Donohoe, 4 from 11, 364%; Date McKeown, 23 from 69, 33.3%; C Maude, 3 from 9, 33.3%, M Ahem, 9 from 37, 24.3%.

### 2.10 WARSPITE HANDICAP HUNDLE

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2.40 NELSON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,431; 2m) (8)

5-2 Gine-Chane, 7-2 Scotons, 4-1 Curious Feeling, 6-1 Straight Laced, 8-1 Yuwiei, 10-1 See Stradow, 12-1 others.

3.10 HOOD NOVICES HURDLE

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3.40 REPULSE NOVICES HANDICAP HUR-**DLE** (£1,327: 2m 4f) (3)

4-5 Abertoyle, 6-4 Stivis, 8-1 Hard To Get.

#### Fontwell Park

1.20 (3m 2! 110yd ch) 1, Border Archer (Mr M Houngen, 11-2); 2, Noble Vision (20-1), 3, Sam Shorrock (16-1); 4, Immeter (5-1); 4xy. Kingswood Kitchens 5; 4-fay. 17 mm. NR. Linique New York. 121, 81, 9 Hobbs, Tota: 58.20; 51.60, 58.10, 54.80. 52.0. DF: 5228.40. CSF: \$100.56. Tricast: \$1.524.81 £1,524.81 1.50 (2m 27 hdls) 1, d Brand (W McFarland, 3-1); 2. Whappers Delight (8-1), 3. Glabelands Gat (5-2 fav), 7 can. 12, 25. J Moore. Tota: £4.70; £2.00, £3.10. DF: £19.70. CSF-£24.51, No hd. 2.20 (2m 4t ch) 1, Well Wrapped (J. Cabone, 6-5 inv; 2, Greenbills Price (18-1), 3, Pri 3-loy (5-1), 16 ran, 121, 2, Mass H Knight, Tota: 22.10, £1.80, £2.60, £2.30, DF £10.10, CSF £19.15 DF: £10.10, CSF: £19.15.
2.50 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Snitten Lane (N Wilsemson, 8-13 ter; Mandarins nap); 2, Anna Valley (10-11; 3, Sandslaye Dasigner (25-1); 19 ran St. 1121, J Edwards, Total (27-10); 21.20, 22.50, 25.00; DF: £2.50, CSF. £8.52. After a stewards' enquiry, Insult stood.

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P1.70, 21.70, 21.40. DF: £8.40. CSP: 214.64, Tricast: 240.08. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.50 (2m 2f holis) 1, Dencing Paddy (R Guest, 4-1); 2, Abeant Relative (100-30); 3, Solid Stool (12-1). Fight To Win 9-4 fav. 17 ran. 8, 291. R Cunninglesm-Brown. Tota: 25.50; 21.40, 22.10, 29.40. DF: 29.60. CSF: £19.67. Ptacepot: £123.60.

Going: soft (heavy in places)
12.30 (2m 4f holis) 1, Uron V (P Niven, 5-4
tev); 2, Brigadier Davis (12-1); 3, Thistie
Monarch (10-1), 12 mm, 11, 71, in Heanmond, Tote: 22.00; 21.10, 22-40, 21.40.
DF: 211.50. CSF: 215.58.
1.00 (2m 4f col.), Kambelda Rambier (8
Storsy, 18-1); 2, Forever Aston (12-1); 3,
Stated Case (11-1). Another Dyer 7-4 fiv.
18 mm, 2, 1 fig. C Parter. Tote: 218.50,
23.10, 28.50. 22.20. DF: 2120.80. CSF:
£181.04.
1.30 (2m 1f 110yd holis) 1, Whispering

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1.30 (2m -1f 110yd hdie) 1, Whispering Steel (N Doughty, 7-4 hely) 2, Noctice (3-1): 3, Mr Optimistic 5-1), 22 m. 24d, 3. G Richards. Tota: 23.00; 22.00; 22.20; 21.80. DF: 23.00; 3m ch) 1, Boreen Owen (I. Wyer, 13-2; 2, Carousel Rocket (4-1); 3, High Edge Grey (8-1), Radical Lady 9-4 fav. 11 pm. 8, W. J. J. O'Nell. Tota: 24.30; 21.30,



81.70, \$1.40. DF: £13.50. CSF: £28.15. Tricest: \$171.61.
2.30 (2m 4f hote) 1, invertests (Ar C Evert, 7-4 fav); 2, Lion Of Vibrara (25-1); 3, Caragebou (5-1), 11 sta. 151, 71. L Lungo. Tota: £2.80; \$1.20, £5.10, £1.40. DF: £346.30. CSF: £35.94.
3.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, Crock-Na-Nee (M Molcray, 4-1); 2, Sobbie Stack (5 McCourt, 7-2); 3, Magyeood (16-1), Andorin (10-1) fav. 6 ran. 7f, \$1.6 Richards. Tota: £5.60; £1.90, £2.10. DF: £5.70. CSF: £1.52.
3.30 (2m 1f 110nf hote); 1, Northersts (K

210.32 3.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdie) 1, Northants (K Doden, 15-8 fav; Richard Evans nac); 2, Vaynua (6-1); 3, Kustbalco (7-2), 6 ran. 3½, 4, W Storey, Tota: 23.00; 21.70, 28.70, DF: £10.90, CSF; £11.79. Piacepot: £25.40.

Southwell

1.10 (2m 4) holle) 1, Mudaenta (S Woods, 100-30); 2, Tristant's Cornet (4-1); 3, Shirty Ann (10-1); King Ci Shadows 4-5 tav. 4, an. 2, 8, 6 Richmond, Tota: £2.50. DF: £4.70. CSF: £13.48. 14.70. CSF: 213.48

1.40 (2m 4t hdie) 1, Pay To Dream (3)
Bentley, 15-8 fay); 2, Sureloot Silars (132; 3, Multihande (25-1), 12 ran. NR: Lily
Subara. 10, St. R Weaver. Tots: 22.70;
51.30. 22.60, 68.60. OF- 224.50. CSFc13.18. Tricast: 2203.51.
2.10 (2m 2t hdie) 1, Abingdon Flyer (M
Foster, 11-4); 2, Barnd (7t Hope (14-1); 3,
Green's Seago (1-2 lay), 7 ran. 7t. 4t. M
Pros. Tots: 22.20; c1.30, 52.70. DF- 64.80.
CSF- 522.40.
2.40 (2m hdie) 1, Blue Disc (8 Dalton, 94); 2, Night Club (25-1); 3, Miners Law (112) Green Simplicity 16-8 fay. 11 ran. 114;
14t. C Boever. Tots: 53.70; 51.10, £11.90,
E1.10, DF: 227.50. CSF- £48.74.
3.10 (2m hdie) 1, Briery Fille (4 Woods, 7-2.10 (Dr. Ref. 50. Car. 149.74. 3.10 (Zm holle) 1, Brieny Fille (S Woods, 7-2); Z, Le Reptotte (S-1); 3, Pandesse (S-2 fav), 8-can. 2%1, hd. A Hide. Tota: £2.90; £2.70, £1.80, £1.30. OF: £11.80. CSF: £30.63, Tricest £81.27. Edu. D. Indust 251.41. 3.49 (2m figt) 1. Sunset Rock (W Dwm, 5-6 tay); 2. Mester's Crown (10-1). 8. Caspercoski (3-1). 5 ran. 30, 21. Jimmy Pizgerald. Toke. £1.50; £1.10, £4.80. DF: £34.50. CSF: £8.58.

### Jockey Club considers Sunday proposal

THE Jockey Club yesterday approved a proposal by David Pipe, its director of publicity, that the possibility of staging Sunday racing should be examined in detail.

After a meeting yesterday, the stewards issued the following statement: "We discussed the proposition of racing to be held on Sunday within the law. The stewards agreed to the idea in principle

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3.20 Green's Fine Art.

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and said the consultation should take place within the racing and betting industries in order to produce a paper giving the options and as much detail as possible in time for the meeting on Febmary 10.

"As part of these discussions, racecourses which are interested in staging this event will be asked for their proposals on how best it might be achieved within the

12.50 Kissane.

1.50 Ambassador. 2.20 Beauchamp Fizz. 2.50 Calabrese.

3.50 Against You.

**FORM FOCUS** 

KISSANE best Valentinos Joy & in 7-runner Market
Rasen (2m 4l, good) conditional jockeys handicap
chase.
SOCKS DOWNE 12l 3rd of 9 to Grey Torredo in
Taunton (2m 3l, good to firm) hendicap chases with MDE GREENE (11th
Taunton (2m 3l, good) of 16 to Town Meiody in Wolverhampton (3m 1l, good) claiming chase.

10 009-80 LORDY 54 (Mrs L Dresher) J McConnochie 7-10-12 B Dowling
12 50/35 MARK KYBO 17 (BF) (Mrs I Kermen) J Gifford 8-10-12 D Murphy
13 0/ SHEER ABILITY 619 (The Sexon House Partnership) Mrs F Wahayn 6-10-12 B de Haam
14 5-000 SPIKEY 17 (S Powel) J Jenkins 6-10-12 R Durwoody
15 4044-SP SUN-KING JOHNINY 17 (Mrs R Murdoch) Mrs R Murdoch 6-10-12 A Procter (7)
16 1- TERAO 287 (S) (B Klipstrick) M Pipe 6-10-12 P Scudemore
17 0P/0-0PP GRANGE EXPRESS 13 (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 8-10-7 B Powell
18 P000 MILPARSHOON 12 (J O'Flaherly) J O'Donoghue 5-10-7 S Earle

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1 5-2F1UF OLVESTON 11 (D.BF.F.G.S) (C Lewin) P Micholis 8-11-8.

S Burrough (2 04002/2 AFARISTOUN 19 (D.F.G.S) (H Kwy) J Edwards 8-11-8.

N Williamson N Williamson S 0521/P AMBASSADOR 13 (D.F.S) (Fairford Confectioners 1x9 M Pipe 9-11-2 P Sculamore 4 832-500 ANOTHER SEASON 48 (B) (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 8-11-2.

J Alvehurst 5 P638-85 ASHMAE 8 (A Neswes) A Neswes 10-11-2.

D Gallagher 6 075-024 AUCTION TIME 24 (G) (J Trickett) J Alvehurst 9-11-2.

L Hervey 7 0P-55U4 CHAPILTON YEOMAN 19 (D.G.S) (Birs H Alwen) J Gifford 7-11-2.

B 4155-07 RMPERAL BRUSH 15 (B.G.S) (D Baxler) D Elsworth 8-11-2.

B Powell 8 00,005 JUMP 24 (M Thompsett) S Mellor 7-11-2.

S Earlis 10 55/F0-25 LITTLE TOM 10 (M O'Connor) J King 7-11-2.

R Durwoody 11 F1501/ LYPHENTO 861F (B.S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 8-11-2.

D Murphy 12 122/3 PRIVATE AUDITION 19 (D.F.) (G Hubberd) F Murphy 10-11-2.

A Maguire 13 5441F-3 ROUYAN 15 (D.F.G) (Derfam Recing) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-2.

M Perrett BETTING: 11-4 Afartsoun, 4-1 Ambassador, Private Audition, 6-1 Oliveston, 8-1 Imperial Brush, 10-1 oth

**FORM FOCUS** 

THUNDERER

3.00 Caxton.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.30 MISS MANGAROO.

12.30 CASSOP NOVICES HURDLE (£1,170: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

12.30 Queens Tour.

2.00 Padaventure. 2.30 Unex-Plained.

1.30 Kilmond Wood.

BETTING: 5-2 Explosive Speed, 3-1 Queens Tour, 3-1 Miss Mangaroo, 7-1 Carousel Crossett, 10-1 others. 1991: MEETING ABANDONNED - FROST

Long handicage: Hey Joe 9-13, Greenore Rose 9-11, Breek Away Bridge 9-10. Great Service 9-9, Great Fun 9-5, Mr Pod 9-3, What A Card 9-1; Rowdy 8-12, Royal Course 8-10. Covermil 9-9.
SETTING: 11-4 Shikari Kid, 4-1 Really Honest, Rage, 8-1 Solitary Resper, 16-2 What A Card, 8-1 Great Fun, 10-1 Greenore Rose, 16-1 Hey Joe, 20-1 others.

BETTING: 2-1 (Gmond Wood, 4-1 Crash Bar, 6-1 Incense, 8-1 Tavern Time, 10-1 Dubeles, 14-1 others.

1.30 SEDGEFIELD CLAIMING CHASE (£1,952: 2m) (8 runners)

1.00 STONEGRAVE AGGREGATES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING

HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,385: 2m) (17 runners)

1.00 Great Fun.

BETTING: 9-4 Mailcoin, 3-1 Golden Moss, 4-1 Terac, 6-1 Bold Barney, Mark Kybo, 10-1 others.

BARON SAFEGUARD best recent effort when 3kl 4th of 12 to Negatory in Wetherby (3m, good to soft) novice hurdle. GOLDEN MOSS best Yeoman Cricketer 6t here. (2m 6f, soft); previously hd 2nd of 14 to Culet Dawn in Forthwell (2m 6f, good) novice hurdle with MARK KYBO (7to better off) 10f 3rd and ALL GOLD BOY (7to better off) 12f 3rd. MALLCOM best Western Dancer 10t in 18-runner Huntingdon (2m 4f,

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12.30 Explosive Speed.

1.00 Solitary Reaper. 1.30 Kilmond Wood

2.00 Senator Snugfit.

2.30 Pura Money. 3.00 Ballylord. 3.30 Sillars Stalker.

1.50 DEAL NOVICES CHASE (£1,973: 2m) (15 runners)

12.50 TED LONG CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,075: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

Long handicap: Autumn Zulu 9-13, Moe Greene 9-13, Glebe Prince 9-8, BETTING: 15-8 Klessne, 7-2 box, 5-1 Socks Downe, 6-1 Selcombe Harbour, 1991: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST

1.20 DAN SWINDEN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

3.20 SHARPGUN (nap).

Expanding the theme, Pipe said: "We hope we'll be able to put on a competitive day's racing with a little bit of legal off-course betting. It will show everyone that we mean business and focus public attention on our problem."

One of the major obstacles to a Sunday race meeting is the strict illegality of oncourse betting. Rob Hartnett, of Ladbrokes, said: will be no sta Tote prices ava

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nbe Harbour, 8-1 Derrymore Boy, 10-1 others

good to soft) novice hurdle; previously 5: 2nd of 18 to Muse in Chepetow (2m 4l, good to soft) novice hardle. DUBLIN FLYER better of two efforts when 19: 4th of 14 to Nikitas in Newbury (2m 100)d, good novice hurdle. TERAO best Village Reindeer 12! In 14-nuner Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft) National Hunt Flat race with SPREY 14: 5th. Selection: MAILCOM (nap)

of 7 to Emsea-H in Huntingdon (2m 1f, good to firm) novice handscap chase on perutimate start with CHARLTON YEOMAN unseating his rider. LYPHENTO test seen aut when beating Esha Nesa head in 14-runner Sandown (2m 5f 68yd, good to soft) handscap horde in March 1988. PRIVATE AUDITION 111 3rd of 7 to Kind's Smart in Huntingdon (2m 1f, good) novice handlosp chase with CHARLTON YEOMAN 121 4th. ROUYAN 121 3rd of 5 to Lusty Lad at Fortwell (2m 2f, good).

Selection: OLVESTON

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12.30 MISS MANGAROO (nap).

makers will have to advertise prices on the Sunday races in the Saturday papers and in the betting shops on the same day. After all they already do this for football matches and all other events that take place on a Sunday."

On behalf of the Racecourse Association, Ian Pithers confirmed that several of its member courses were given the problems with no on-course betting allowed there's no reason why it shouldn't take place with banks of telephones and everyone able to ring the credit

"I've often thought how ironic it is that everyone should be sitting in their arm-

8	said: "There interested in staging a meet- rting prices or ing. Edward Gillespie, gener- ailable so book- al manager at Cheltenham France and Ireland."
	2.20 NORTHIAM NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,165: 2m 100yd) (9 runners)  1 ALL PRESENT 17 (CD.S) (A Frost) R Akehurst 11-5. L Harvey 97 2 DEAUCHAMP FIZZ 17 (F Kalla) M Pipe 10-12. P Scudemore 87 3 30 BIG BEAT 17 (R Richards) D Eleworth 10-12. A Procter (7) 91 4 O FANLIGHT 53 (C Holland) R Akehurst 10-12. A Procter (7) 91 5 MICHAELS DAWN 132F (Mrs D Hunniestt) J Ffrich-Heyes 10-12. A Maguire 90 7 OSS SHOOTING LODGE 10 (A Pavio) J Jenkins 10-12. R Durwoody 79 8 SOMETHING QUICK 40F (Mrs B Burchett) R Heanon 10-12. B GMCCourt 9 4 TODAY'S FANCY 7 (Mrs V O'Brien) D O'Brien 10-12. B Gifford (5) BETTING: 2-1 All Present, 7-2 Something Quick, 5-1 Big Beat, 5-1 Beauchamp Fizz, 8-1 Fanlight, Shooting Lodge, 14-1 Scort O'f Battle, 25-1 others.
	FORM FOCUS  ALL PRESENT beat Barsac 11 in 17-numer novice   Newbury (2m 100yd, good to soft) novice hundle over course and distance (good to soft). BIG   SCENT OF BATTLE better of two efforts when 21/s1   BEAT 251 7th of 21 to Duharra in Newbury (2m 2nd of 20 to Green's Yan Goyen in Kempton (2m,
	100/d. good) novice hurdle with BEAUCHAME good to soft novice hurdle on debut. SHOOTING FIZZ (seems terms) 48 8th; previously 12% 3rd of 18 to DGE 30' 3rd of 8 to Marbin in Sandown (2m, good to firm) novice hurdle.  FANUGHT 141 7th of 26 to Primitive Singer in Selection: BIG BEAT
	2.50 WHITELAW GOLD CUP NOVICES CHASE (£2,290: 3m 2f) (8 runners)
	1 5P0-212 CALABRESE 11 (8.D.F.G.S) (Mrs. L. Dresher) N Henderson 7-11-10
	BETTING: 4-6 Catabrese, 9-2 Silverino, 11-2 Suncia, 10-1 Andros Prince, 12-1 Chiel Celt, 16-1 others.  FORM FOCUS
	CALABRESE 21 2nd of 15 to Minnehoma in Newton Abbot (3m 21 100yd, soft) movice chase; previously beat Auction Law 61 in 12-runner novice chase over the same course and distance (cood).  Chase SUNCIA 10%1 4h of 9 to Mosey Farm in

peemings. CitilEF CELT 18I 4th of 13 to Buckingham   Selection: CALABRESE
3.20 ROBERTSBRIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,917: 2m 100yd) (8 runners)
1 1/3 GREEN'S FINE ART 19 (D,F) (R Green) M Pipe 6-12-0 P Scudamore
2 4/10430- GANOON 290 (CD,G,S) (Mrs R Morris) P Hedger 9-11-6 M Richards
3 106-205 EDDIE KYBO 24 (D.F.S) (1 Kerman) J Gifford 7-10-9 D Murphy
4 0/F0530- GREAT ASPECT 277 (D.F.S) (Times Four Partnership) R Rowe 8-10-7 T Gramman
5 P32335 SHARPGUN 13 (CD,S) (Miss D Rusself) A Moore 8-10-5
6 3636-1 MANHATTAN BOY 48 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs. D Humnisett) J Ffitch-Heyes 10-10-1 A Maguire
7 0-30P14 PLATONIC AFFAIR 13 (CD.F.G.S) (P Alien) D Wilson 11-10-0 Mrs P Nash (7)
8 001-000 NACONA 11 (D,S) (F Carter) J King 6-10-0 J White
Long handicap: Platonic Affair 9-9, Nacona 9-6
BETTING: 45 Green's Fine Art, 9-2 Eddie Kybo, 6-1 Platonic Affeir, 8-1 Manhattan Boy. 10-1 Sharpo 14-1 Great Aspect, 20-1 others.
FORM FOCUS

GREEN'S FINE ART 5% 3rd of 8 to Shades Of Pasce in Newton Abbol (2m 150yd, soft) handicap hurdle. EDDE KY80 51 2nd of 3 to Apoblo King at Pumpton (2m 4f, good to firm).  GREAT ASPECT 19 3rd of 14 to Alkanor Rex in Chapstow (2m, heavy) handicap hurdle on pecultimate start last term with SHARPGUN (4b better off) 24 6th SHARPGUN 2k3 ard of 9 to Pinats an Stratford (2m, good) conditional jockeys handicap  Stratford (2m, good) conditional jockeys handicap  hurdle in November. MANHATTAN BOY beat The Yomper 13d in 5-namer Phumpton (2m, pood) conditional form (2m,

3.50 LEVY BOARD MOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,315: 2m 100yd) (8 runners)	
1 3542-14 ROBBIE BURNS 71 (D.BF.F) (Mrs D Hunnselt) J Fitich-Heyes 6-12-0. A Maguire	88
2 3/639-6P CODDINGTON VILLAGE 17 (B) (Southchase Ltd) S Sherwood 7-11-9 T Storrar (7)	92
3 030-PF3 CANOSCAN 8 (B) (Lady Sarah Clutton) Lady Herries 7-11-7	86
4 0/2/000- TIPP DOWN 384 (W O'Neill) D Murray-Smith 9-11-5 D Murphy	_
5 240444 TOWNY BOY 24 (E Farmer) Mrs L Clay 5-11-3	96
6 6-52212 R.EWIN 7 (D.G) (Dr. W. Heffersen) J. Jerkins 5-10-13	95
7 P4S- AGAINST YOU 183F (BF) (G Morby) R Akehurst 5-10-12	98
8 P-P0843 JOKER JACK 8 (R Dean) R Dean 7-10-0	<b>9</b> 9
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BETTRVG: 9-4 Canascan, 7-2 Bewin, 9-2 Towny Boy, 6-1 Robbie Burns, 8-1 Against You, 10-1 Joker Jack 20-1 Coddington Village, 33-1 Tipp Down.

**FORM FOCUS** ILEWIN & 2nd of 5 to Selety in Lingfield (AW, 2m) handicap hurdle; previously beal Scotons 1/sl in 15 namer Lingfield (2m, good) novice handicap hurdle with TOWNY BOY (8th better off) 4/bl 4th. AGAINST YOU 12! 3rd of 12 to Visage in Lingfield Care and the Court of 10 1/sl and 1/sl ROBBIE SURNS 444 4th of 20 to Ribokeyes Boy in Plumpton (2m, good) selling handicap hurdle; previously beat (Rosain Gld 201 in 7-runner selling hardle over the same course and distance (good to firm). CODDINGTON VILLAGE 331 6th of 17 to Officer Carlet in predice hurdle here (2m 81 nood) on rean-

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TRAINERS  R Akehurst  D Marray Smith  J Gifford  D Elsworth  P Hedger  J Edwards	Winners 9 5 16 4 3 3	Runners 35 24 87 24 18 20	Per cent 25.7 20.8 18.4 16.7 16.7 15.0	JOCKEYS 8 Powell M Richards D Murphy L Harvey J Osborne	Winners 7 6 7 4 3 (Only qualifiers)	Rides 35 31 37 24 19	Per cent 20.0 19.4 18.9 16.7 15.8

2	.00 s	ANDS NOVICES CHASE (£2,002: 3m 2f 160yd) (15 runners)	
1	/40411	SENATOR SNUGFIT 4 (G.S) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 7-12-3 P Midgley (7)	<b>99</b>
2	F8F136		91
3	036P40	ANTHONY BELL 101 (P Cerr) T Cerr & 11-5	_
4	OP/000	APPLE MAGIC 41 (N Tutty) Mrs K Tutty 6-11-5	_
5	PO-F	BILLIBANG 13 (N Saward) G Coalsworth 6-11-5 A Orkney	_
6	00/5	COURSE OF ACTION 57 (Mrs M Beaumont) P Beaumont 7-11-5 Mrs A Farrell	_
7		DAD'S RISK 13 (J Pemberton) B McLean 8-11-5.	
8	90/3F4F	INTO THE TREES 13 (S) (R Tale) R Tate 8-11-5	86
9	20-3357	NOW AND THEN 19 (G) (I Switt) Mrs S Brameli 7-11-5 Mr S Brisby (7)	76
10	22411-3	PADAVENTURE 6 (S) (W Cover & Son Ltd) Mrs G Revoley 7-11-5	82
11	PP-643U	SPY HILL 13 (D Bramel) Mrs S Bramat 6-11-5 J O'Gorman	
12	PP32P4/	TOMMY FARMER 598 (D Lee) D Lee 10-11-5	
13	F2F-0F0	YORK IMPERIAL 10 (B Gee) B Gae 11-11-5 D Bryne	81
14	2000-PU	FEELING ROSEY 13 (G,S) (D Todd) D Todd 10-11-0	
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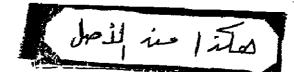
BETTING: 5-4 Sensior Snugfit, 6-4 Padaventure, 10-1 Now And Then, 12-1 Into The Trees, 14-1 others 2.30 GEORGE MULCASTER MEMORIAL CUP (Handicap chase: £2,422: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Antinous, 11-4 Unex-Plained, 3-1 Pure Money, 4-1 Speech, 5-1 Wait You There.

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					P Midgley (7)	-
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					S Turner	:
					R Marley	_ :
					Mr C Ewert (7)	•
12	130/0	TRUE SPARK 15 (S	) (Mes K Watson) B	Elison 10-10-0	R Hodga (5)	_
13	1/050-02	SELPENEL 7 (8,0)	(Mrs B Key) Ç Smith	£-10-0	D Bridgwater (S)	•
Long	i hundica	o: Green Silver 9-13,	True Spark 9-11, Be	stpenel 9-9.		
BET	TING: 5-2	Ballylord, 3-1 Caxtor	, 9-2 Leven Beby, 7	-1 Rosa Teblesu, 10-1	Hard To Hold, 12-1 other	B.
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_1	901	MAJOR IVOR 13 (D	.G) (P Colquhoun) N	rs G Heveley /-11-11 -	P Niven	3
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1	001	MAJOR IVOR 13 (D.G) (P Colguboun) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-11 P Niven	9
2	441U	UNINVITED 13 (D,S) (Countrywide Classics Ltd) J Glover 5-11-10 S D Williams (7)	8
3	0-05P14	COUNTORUS 14 (D,G) (S Voleny) J Johnson 6-11-9	8
4		DUTCH SLUES 59 (CD,S) (Mrs S Austin) Mrs S Austin 5-11-6 D Wilkinson	8
5		DOLLY PRICES 5 (W Smith) W Smith 7-11-6	В
6		SILLARS STALKER 67 (D.F.C) (Sters Engineering) Mrs. J Partistion 411-5	9
7	000-	ENSHAPP 17F (Mrs J Golings) J Leigh & 11-5	_
В	0525-00	DEEP LEGEND 41 (P Page) W A September 7-11-3	9
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10	DO 454	WHITENESS 19 (V) (North East Paper Co Ltd) B Murray 5-10-13	9
11	COOLERS.	SUSAN'S PET 14 (V) (Nes G Montesey) W Barker 5-10-10	ğ
12	0354	JULIETSKI 11 (S Braskin) M Hermond 4-10-9	8
13	090-09	MAC RANGLER 4 (Mrs M Ashlen) N Sycroft 5-109	9
14	PARTE	PERFECTLY POSSIBLE 8 (Quest Design Print Ltd) R Semshaw 7-10-9	9
15	100 M	KHOJOHN 4 (R Newsons) R Woodhouse 4 108	9
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BET	TING: 94	Major hor, 3.1 Sillers Stalker, 5-1 Uninvited, 7-1 Counterus, 10-1 Dutch Stues, 12-1 other	12.

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TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per can
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M H Easterby	24	82	293	L Wyer M Dwyer	24	.93	25.8
Mrs V Aceniev	7		26.9	M Dwyer	31	134	23.1
Mrs S Brentail	11	44	250	C Grent	48	212	22.6
Mrs G Reveley	34	157	21 7	D Byrne	11	52	21.2



# British bobbing gets serious in search of gold

odern bobsleigh has a bizarre parthered in a moment of absent-mindedness by the Great British Wizard Prang Tradition and mothered and raised by the East German Kafkaesque Sporting Machine. What an infant. The sport was invented by Hooray Henries in St Moritz a century ago, and brought to icy perfection in the East German winter sports "centre of excellence" in Altenberg, a few hundred miles or a million light-years

Four years ago, the Brits had a we'll-do-our-best-anyway tilt at the Winter Olym-pics in Calgary, and finished twelfth in the four-man event and eighteenth in the two-man. Well, how are we supposed to compete against all that state back-

ing? Hardly fair, is it? This year, the Brits have a chance of gold in the fourman and are odds-on for a medal of some colour or other. They also have a fair shot for a medal-place in the two-man. In short, this year, British bobbing is serious.

Taste the atmosphere: it is one any sportwriter knows well. It reeks of purpose. These are not thrill-seekers, or attention-seekers, these are athletes, victory-seekers. There are a lot of black faces, a lot of demotic accents, a lot of impressive physiques.

Last weekend, the British camp at Igls in the Tirol was stuffed with team spirit, and peopled almost exiusively by athletes wearing their

At the top of the run, you see four men in crash-helmets, eight eyes closed. There is a sports psychologist in the back-up team and he has taught them the techdriver, Mark Tout, then gives each of his colleagues a butch whack on the biceps: We all touch each other. You don't have to say anything. It's a reassuring touch, like when you see your Mum," Tout said.

The sled is eased back a fraction and then, with a bloodcurdling roar, as if this were bayonet practice, the boys are off and running. Tout is a former decathlete; the other three are all sublisec for the 100 metres; Lenny Paul, the brakeman, is the fourth-ranked British sprinter, and he intends to make the Summer Olympics as well. "I suppose bobbing does mean more to me - we have such a good chance,"

The East German Sporting Diaspora has changed the face of many sports, none more than bobsleigh. The Brits do not have to beat the East Germans any more:

lies instead. The former East German coach, Horst Hōrnlein, is now coaching the Brits. The British sled was bought from East Germany, a snip at £10,000. The squad is now training at the Altenberg winter sports centre of excellence, where there is even an indoor ski-

while our that

The goal of all this training is a co-ordinated explosion. The first frantic five seconds of a run are what matters most. Driving skills are important, but speed at the start is what really say that. The team-vibe is all. counts. Even a driver will

our years ago. Tout and Paul had a massive falling-out. They didn't talk for a year, walked past each other without saying "hello". "I'm very aggressive, very tense, very finicky," Tout said. "I'm always in there with both feet. Now I've toned this down a bit. The sports psychology has been brilliant. Also, I'm older, and this is a sport where older athletes, in the their late twenties and early thirties, do better. I'm 30, Lenny is 33.

We both have something to offer. In the end, I said to him, let's get on with it. And it's all so different to what it was four years ago. The team is tighter. So much

mental. Four years ago, ask the guys if we could win. they'd say 'yes'. They still say yes - but the whole tone of voice is different. They really

The aspirations have been helped along by sponsorship from Stella Artois and by the sport. Three of the top fourman team are in the army but neither Tout nor Paul has have worn a uniform for four years. Tout is a corporal. Paul a sergeant. Both athletes, even if they draw money from the army. Rather as the East Germans and

others did for years, in fact. These are impressive people in an impressive sport. The sight of a four-man bob wall-of-deathing round a 270-degree curve, and the rasping rattle as it disappears down the icy chute, are stirring things.

"I was once asked to open ate the video camera while the second crew were training." Paul said. "And as I watched them, I thought, this is unbelievable! It's mind-boggling! How fast they go! And I'm in a sled going even faster! Well, I had to get some one else to work the camera. I knew if I looked at it too much, I just wouldn't do it again. I had to walk away from the track. I wanted to keep my positive



At the sharp end: Tout drives the British four-man bob to a course record 51.89sec in Igls on Saturday

ICE HOCKEY

#### **Durham** widen the gap

By Norman de Mesquita

WHILE the teams below them continue to beat one another, Durham Wasps sail serenely on and two more wins stretched their lead at the top of the premier division of the Heineken League to

On Saturday, the Wasps took full advantage of Murrayfield Racers' physical approach by scoring seven goals on the power play, three of them in the first period, which they ended with a 6-1

The short trip to play the Whitley Warriors on Sunday took their unbeaten run to 17 games, and it is hard to see who will bring it to an end.

Fife Flyers will be relieved that they have paid their last visit of the season to the Basingstoke Beavers. Having already lost at Basingstoke, their overnight iourney after beating Swindon Wildcats in the first division ended with their bus running out of diesel a few miles short of the Basingstoke

Quickly 2-0 behind, the Flyers did pull back to 2-2 midway through the first period, but did not score again until the Beavers were 5-2 ahead and on their way to a deserved win. The Flyers are still top of the division, one point ahead of Slough Jets. pOliti Atticatu ut Stilvagus Jrcss-RESULTS: Helneken Leegue: Prenier division: Brecknell Bees 5, Ayr Rakters 8; Durham Wasps 13, Mumayfield Recera 7; Notingham Partitiers 8, Norwich and Petarkorough Presses 6; Cerdiff Devils 5, Billingham Bombers 3; Humberside Seshawka 6, Ayr Rakters 4; Mumayfield Racers 6, Norwich and Peterborough Printes 8; Whittey Warriors 3, Durham Meann 7.

### Players lack adventure as script wears thin

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT NELSON, NEW ZEALAND

THE third first-class game of England's tour might easily be confused with the previous two. The title of the opposition has changed but the personnel and their priorities remain much the same. For Hamilton or Napier now read Nelson, with a script that is wearing a little thin.

grandly named a New Zealand XI, but they might just as well be the emerging players who launched the tour, or the Minor Associations from last week. Each team has comprised disparate young hopefuls, at best fringe Test match players, for whom there is far more to gain individually than collectively. Unsurprisingly they strain to be noticed, and the result, as yesterday, can be dispiritingly unadventurous.

Once the effects of overnight rain had cleared from this tip of the south island, there was time for 200 minutes' cricket. The mix-andmatch XI managed a rate of fractionally above two per over in that time, not entirely due to the uniform brilliance of England's bowling, which fell more readily into the cate-

BOWLING: DeFrentas 14-2-54-0; Lewis 12-5-18-2; Pringle 13-6-13-0; Reeve 11-7-11-1; Hick 9-0-24-0.

were a few runs for Greatbatch, who still looks illprepared for a Test series. and a more convincing effort from Thomson, another player England are likely to see again on Saturday. The overall impression, however, was of the lack of depth in New Zealand cricket, coupled with a suspicion that they face a dire time of it in the coming couple of months unless their few accomplished players begin to fire.

As for England, Test selection is looking ever more straightforward, with Lawrence increasingly likely to miss the match and Reeve continuing to outperform Pringle. Lawrence will see an orthopaedic consultant today about his side strain, but Laurie Brown, the England phys-

three, but quickly lost their

captain, Karen Plummer,

who was bowled by Jo Cham-

berlain for just one run. At the

close of play, the home team

A South African country

were 93 for four.

#### Test succumbs to rain

Auckland: Heavy rain meant their overnight total of 81 for that there was less than two hours' play on the third day of the first women's Test match between New Zealand and England in Auckland yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

After England declared cricketers XI will make a sixtheir first innings at 356 for match tour of Kenya in late nine, the Kiwis resumed on July.

give him no more than a 50-50 chance of playing." The new ball, then, will be

shared by yesterday's pairing of DeFreitas and Lewis, and they had contrasting days. DeFreitas, after a few early bellows for leg before, bowled like a man who has something on his mind; for England's sake, one hopes it was the Test, and that he was merely pacing himself. Lewis looked sharp and, on switchgory of satisfactory. There ing ends for a second spell, made some rapid inroads

into the innings. Trafalgar Park is a curious cricket ground. Sit square-on to the play and you might be in a dilapidated Beazer Homes League football ground, with an ancient wooden stand on one side, crumbling concrete terracing on the other, and an eyesore of a cycling track in the foreground. But sit on the grassy bank behind the arm, with the sea at your back and the hills a spectacular backdrop, and you have a view to

> Lewis quickly removed Pocock, well taken down the leg side by Russell, off his glove, after showing his fielding ability. By throwing out the dithering Douglas in his follow-through, Lewis fol-lowed up with a leg-before decision against Brown, and the New Zealanders had plunged from 42 without loss to 47 for three.

> Reeve, who has shown he can swing the ball, even in discouraging conditions, grabbed too soon at a return catch from Greatbatch when the big left-hander had made 14. But he got his man half an hour later, an attempted sweep looped off the top edge and Gooch took a simple

### **Pakistan** take the honours

Karachi: Pakistan swept to a 29-run victory in the second one-day international yesterday after the Sri Lankan opening batsman. Roshan Mahanama, succumbed to

Sri Lanka, facing Paki-stan's 40-over total of 210 for five, were dismissed for 181 in 36.1 overs after Mahanama was carried from the field. He had made 60, the top score in the match.
Mahanama was playing well
and dominating the bowling
when he retired hurt in the 128 balls. He did not return.

Pakistan made short work of the rest of Sri Lanka's batting, Wasim Akram finishing with three for 31 and Mushtaq Ahmed, a leg spinner, two for 39. Imran Khan, who scored 44 and took one wicket, was man of the

Extras (to 4, w 1, nb 5) Total (5 wits, 40 overs) 210
†Moin Khan, Waqar Younia, Aqib Javed and Mushtaq Ahmad did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-89, 3-150, 4-160, 5-194.

Total (38.1 overs) 181

FALL OF WICKETS: 146, 268, 3-109, 4

111, 5-134, 6-155, 7-167, 8-178, 9-181. BOWLING: Washin & 1-0-31-3; Washin & 1-0-31-3; Washin & 1-0-31-3; Washin & 1-0-31-3; Program B-0-44-1; Mushhaq B-0-39-2; Imman B-0-44-1; Mushhaq B-0-39-2; Man of the matich; Imman Khan. Umpries: Mahboob Shah and Riaz-ud-din.

### Conner's task complicated by fickle winds of change

By Barry Pickthall

RACING for the America's Cup, the trophy famished by greed, poor sponsmanship and a prolonged court battle between New Zealand and the American holders, resumes today on the windless waters of San Diego.

The drawn-out contest to select a defender and challenger to race for the Cup itself in the best-of-seven series, which starts on May 9, drew tremendous interest around the world when held in Australia in 1987. That was the year when Dennis Conner won back the trophy he had lost four years earlier to Alan Bond's victorious Australia 2 team.

Today, the event barely draws a yawn, particularly in the United States, where Conner's stock has dropped to such a low point that he is perceived as the man most want to see reaten.

The memories of Conner's convincing 4-0 victory over



Syndicate: America<sup>3</sup>. syndicate: America\*.

Afternate helmsmen: Bill Campbell; Buddy Melgas and Kimo Worthington.

Tacticians: Dave Delienbaugh and Andress. Josephane. Tacticans: Leve Desention.
Andreas Josenhans.
Syndicate head: Bill Koch.
Yacht club: San Diego.
Number of boats: Four.
Budget: \$47 milion.

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Mar 29-Apr 8: Challenger se Apr 17-30: Defender finels Apr 20-30: Challenger finels

Iain Murray's Australian 12-metre, Kookaburra III, together the ticker-tape victory parade through New York and the presidential recep-tion that followed, have been ot aside.

What people remember now are the investigations by the US Internal Revenue Service into payments of more than \$1 million to trustees. including Conner, from the charitable trust that funded his 1987 campaign, which finished heavily in the red.

They remember his unsporting defence with a cata-



Skipper: Dennis Conner (above). Syndicate head: Dennis Conner. Yacht club: San Diego. Designers: David Pedrick: Dr Alberto Calderon and Bruce Number of boats: One.

Name of yacht: Stars and Stripes.

Budget: \$15 million.

Zealand's mighty monohull challenge in 1988. Most of burst on television immediately after that one-sided victory when he told the New Zealand designer. Bruce Farr: "Get out of here . . .

you're a loser." As a result, Conner ha been shunned by much of corporate America and had his proposed \$30 million defence budget. The big spendboat campaign is suddenly reduced to having a single yacht and running the opera-

To add to his troubles, he faces an uphill struggle for the defender's benth against a man with bottomless pockets whose main motivation is not only to win the Cup, but to "stick it up Dennis". Bill Koch, who has a net worth in excess of \$500 million, was one of Conner's backers in 1987. He might still be today, had the Stars and Stripes skipper not gone back on his word to provide Koch with the computerised velocity prediction programmes his mon-ey was used to develop.

Koch's America syndicate has two boats in the water and two more on order. He and his fellow skipper, Buddy Melges, intend to play tag-wrestling tactics by taking it in turns to wear down Conner's inferior strengths during the four rounds of defender trials.

Koch's one weakness is his predilection for steering his own race yachts rather than rely on the greater skills of those around him. He may have enough in his armoury to defeat Conner, but many doubt whether his skills are sufficient to bear off the strong challenges from New Zealand or Italy.

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**AMERICAN FOOTBALL** 

### Rypien fires Redskins into favoured final

THE Washington Redskins advanced to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in ten years by defeating the Detroit Lions 41-10 at home in the National Football Conference final on Sunday. Washington will play the Buffalo Bills, who beat the Denver Broncos 10-7 earlier on Sunday, in the American Football Confer-

ence final. Super Bowl XXVI, the championship game of the National Football League, will take place in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis on January 26. Washington and Buffalo were favoured all season to reach the big game.

The Redskins pounced on two early turnovers by Erik Kramer, the Detroit quarter-back, and took a 17-10 halftime lead. Mark Rypien then fired touchdown passes of 45 yards to Gary Clark and 21 vards to Art Monk to put the game out of reach.

The Bills, 20-19 runnersup to the New York Giants in the Super Bowl last year, sur-

vived a defensive struggle at home. Carlton Bailey made the key play by intercepting a deflected pass from John Elway and returning the ball 11 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter. Elway retired hurt in the

fourth quarter but his replacement, Gary Kubiak, scored on a two-yard run with less than two minutes to play. The Broncos controlled the ensuing onside kick but Steve Sewell fumbled on the first play and Kirby Jackson recovered for Buffalo. David Treadwell, of Den-

ver, missed field goals of 47, 42 and 37 yards in the first half as Denver penetrated Buffalo territory on all six of their series, once advancing as far as the Bills' 11. Buffalo held firm each time, led by Cornelius Bennett, Darryl Talley and Jeff Wright.

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Lions 10.
FIXTURE: Super Bowl XXVI (won-lost records in brackets): Buffalo (15-3) v Washington (18-2), Jenusry 25 at the savenotome, Minnespolis, 23.00 GMT.

BASKETBALL

### Leicester fear final defeat

By Nicholas Harling

WITH television, in the form of BBC'S Grandstand programme, taking a belated interest in this season's proceedings next weekend. there could be nothing worse for basketball's credibility than a one-sided event. Yet Sunday's NatWest Tro-

phy final in which Kingston are attempting a third successive triumph, this time at Leicester's expense, has all the makings of being a most lop-sided game. Unless Kingston start as slowly as they did in three of their past six games, when they had to make up leeways of 22 points. 17 points and 17 points respectively, the match could be all over by half-time, with the holders heading for a repeat of their overwhelming League

win in September. Leicester's 112-83 defeat on the court of Kingston's Carlsberg League championship rivals, Thames Valley Tigers, hardly augured well for their chances. Only Karl Brown, with 21 points, and, to a lesser extent, David Harris, with 19, emerged from the visitors' performance with

reputations enhanced. "If we play like that again, we could lose by 40 points," Dip Donaldson, the Leicester player-coach, said. "The Kingston game will be all about whether we show

up or not on the night. We've got a week of hard work ahead in which we are just going to focus on Kingston. The guys seem to find it hard for League games, which for some reason is not a big enough occasion for them, so they might do better in this, although obviously we are the underdogs." Andy Gill, the Tigers

coach, was in agreement. "If they play like that, they haven't any chance whatsoever," he said. Leicester did win 117-79 on Sunday, but then, with all due respect, so does virtually everyone against Cheshire Jets these

days.

Of the seven Tigers who had reached double figures, led by Niget Lloyd (23), another, Obaseki, could even afford the embarrassment of two missed dunks in the sec-

with two more difficult reverse dunks and was no less flamboyant the following evening with 22 points towards the 115-105 National Cup win over Manchester Giants for whom Tresvant (37) was a magnificent loser.

Kingston, meanwhile were suffering their latest faltering start, not helped by the late arrival of Cunningham and Irish from the south coast. By the time they arrived, Koretz and Reece had helped Birmingham into a 24-7 advantage that made nonsense of their failure to score in the first five minutes the previous night against 71-64 winners,

Cunningham belatedly commitmed 19 points, but, once again, Saunders (40) was the man chiefly responsible for a revival that took Kingston to victory by 105-82. Although three of their players fouled out, Worthing Bears stayed in contention at Hemel Hempstead Royals where Scott's 24 points led them to a routine 90-68 victory. Hemel's new American, Lewis scored only 11 points.

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## Taylor demands Gascoigne prove his match fitness

By DAVID MILLER

PAUL Gascoigne will need to be back in action in ten weeks' time if he is to have any chance of making the England squad for the European championship finals in Sweden in June, the draw for which is made on Friday.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, said yesterday that he thought it would be necessary for Gascoigne not only to be back in the Tottenham first team but to have played a couple of interna-tional matches to judge whether he had recovered fitness sufficiently to earn his place. Everyone will remember Gascoigne's colourful and emotional contribution to England's World Cup surge to the semi-final, but now his knee injury must weigh heavily against him.

For the moment, Gas-

he joined the Tottenham substitutes on the bench at Villa Park ten days ago, he was given a friendly jeer by the

have to he available against Hungary on May 12. For that to happen, he would need to have been playing in the first division for the last. month of the season and would therefore have had to be available for reserve football from the beginning of April. The outlook for him is somewhat bleak.

ticularly interested in a joint For the moment, Gas-coigne is still jogging. When Uefa yesterday which con-

GARY Lineker and Gordon Durie return to the Tottenham Hotspur attack for fonight's FA Cup third-round replay at home to Aston Villa. They are fit to join Paul Walsh in a three-man forward line as the holders aim to retain their interest in this season's competition by improving on the 0-0 draw at Villa Park nine days ago.

Villa, half of whose firstteam squad had their boots stolen at the weekend, are likely to recall Steve Staunton

KEVIN Ratcliffe, the most

successful captain in

Everton's history, was yester-day made available for

Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, an-nounced that Randille, aged

31, would be allowed to leave

the club less than 24 hours

after he had paid neighbours

Liverpool E750,000 for Gary

Ablent, the England B inter-

Under Ratcliffe's leader-

ship, Everton won two

League championships, the

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Anderlecht 6, Kort-

national defender.

home supporters. It is a long haul back from such an injury as he inflicted upon himself in the FA Cup final against Nottingham Forest.
With England's squad of 20 having to be nominated on June 1. Gascoigne would

Taylor will have been par-

### Lineker comes back

By LOUISE TAYLOR

in a left-sided midfield role, with Bryan Small at left-back. Cambridge United have reached the EA Cup quarterfinals for the past two years and Coventry will not relish their replay at the Abbey Stadium. "Tactically, it will not be a chess match," Don Howe, the Coventry manager, said: "We must be resolute at the back, take care of the flick-ons and when we get the ball we must play the way we

want to and not the way they

Ratcliffe allowed to leave

Cup Winners Cup.

ingham City manager, yester-day began a three-day trial with Liverpool, which could

lead to a £250,000 transfer

from St Andrew's to Antield

☐ The African nation's cup got underway with Cameroon

winning the opening game of

the tournament — 1-0 over Morocco—with Andre Kana

Biyick scoring the goal. Sene-

gal, the host country; lost 2-1

for the midfield player.

FA Cup and the European to Nigeria.

inp Winners Cup. El Wycombe Wanderers, the Mark Cooper, the son of holders, meer Woking in a

Terry Cooper, the Birm- clash of the non-League

firmed that Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union willtake part in the European championship. All players who were eligible for the Soviet team will be eligible for its successor, which will be administered by the new Commonwealth of Independent States Football

The statement said: After looking at the situation, the Commonwealth of Independent States Football Assocation, founded on January 11, is recognised until further notice as the successor to the Soviet Football

The CIS federation's authority has been disputed by a Russian Football Federation established last week, which daims it is setting up its own championship and international team. The governing bodies said that, for the moment, there was no question of Yugoslavia not taking part, despite the country's present political troubles and civil conflict.

In recent weeks. Uefa officials had said that the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia might be replaced by Italy and Denmark who were second in their respective qualifying groups.

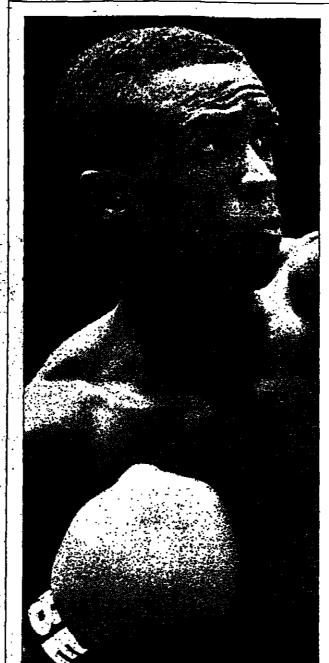
Taylor regards Yugoslavia, who will take part despite political upheavals, as the most gifted of all the eight finalists. Their problem on the field, would always be "whether they can maintain their form over a whole tour-

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Fresh challenge: McMillan faces unusual test

### Mystery man will give true test of McMillan

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE true worth of Colin McMillan could be seen when he meets Percy Commey, of Ghana, for the vacant Commonwealth featherweight championship at the Albert Hall on Saturday. McMillan, who likes to see tapes of an opponent before deciding whether or not to take him on, will be going into the ring without any idea of how good Commey is or about his boxing style. McMillan was promised

a video tape of the Ghanacan by Frank Warren, but the promoter was still trying to find one

yesterday. McMillan's adviser, Jon-athan Rendall, was further put out yesterday when he found that Percy's record. which was being handed out at the press conference, was more impressive than the one given to him by Warren some weeks ago.

Instead of 29 wins in 33 bouts, Commey has won 31 out of 35, including his last eight contests. Further, his narrow loss on points to Modest Napunyi, a highly regarded Kenyan, was not in Ghana as shown in the first record sheet, but in

Kenya.

The first part of the contest at least could therefore be something of a voyage of discovery for McMillan, rather like travelling on London underground's Northern line yesterday. Even though McMillan believes he is still on the right track, Rendall was

clearly unhappy. After telling Warren across the table that he had given him wrong information, Rendall stalked out immediately after the press

He said: "Of course Colin is not worried. He will fight anyone, but it is not at all satisfactory, after taking so much care with Colin's career, that a tape has not arrived."

Commey believes he will spoil the plans of the man who is expected to earn £500,000 this year and is being talked about as the most exciting boxer in Brit-ain since Ken Buchanan.

The Ghanaian, aged 31, used to be Azumah Nelcomes from a boxing familv. His father, Oblitev. was the all-African welterweight champion and boxed in England in the Sixties.

Perty speaks no English, but Warren's publicity men had no trouble putting his Swahili into box-speak: This is the first time I have fought outside Africa and I intend to take the opportu-nity to display my talents on the English people." Commey said. "I can tell you most confidently there is no way McMillan will last the distance with me. I am here to do the business."

McMillan, meanwhile, last night received the Peter Wilson award as the best international newcomRALLYING

### Citroën sound warning note

Paris: Citroën yesterday threatened not to take part in future Paris-Cape Town rallies after two special stages in Namibia were cancelled by organisers. The 173 survivors from the 324 who started in Paris on December 23 gently cruised across Namibia yesterday in a 557-km link along the Kalahari desert.

"The race stopped at the Chad border," Guy Frequelin, the Citroën team manager, said "Since then the cars have taken tracks where overtaking was impossible. We hoped to make up for time lost in the Sahara in the Kalahari stages but those have been denied to us.

"Under these conditions I wonder whether Citroen are interested in entering their cars in this sort of event."

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THE PARTY

Citroen, winners of the Paris-Dakar rally last year, trail the three leading Mitsubishis in the overall standings. The only suspense left in Wednesday's last 103-km timed section in South Africa lies in the duel between the French race leader. Hubert Auriol, and his Mitsubishi team-mate, Erwin Weber, of Germany, whom he leads by 6min

Today's and yesterday's stages were cancelled under pressure from Namibia's environmental movements.

In the motorcycle section, Stephane Peterhansel, of France, leads the American, Danny Laporte, by 30 minutes overall. (Reuter)

#### **RUGBY UNION**

### Chalmers will have to nurse Nicol

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE are players whose worth is not appreciated until they are no longer there; Gary Armstrong is not one of those. His value to Scotland since winning the first of 24 caps in 1988 has grown to the point where Ian McGeechan, his coach, who picks his words carefully, can describe him as

world class."

His withdrawal because of a medial knee ligament injury from Scotland's team for, in all probability, the whole five nations championship has left a void. By itself the dam-

age would be bad enough; taken in conjunction with the absence of the two retired flankers, John Jeffrey and Finlay Calder, and the lack of international experience of their replacements, David McIvor and Ian Smith, and the situation for Saturday's meeting with England at Murrayfield becomes critical.

We have always said we make our resources go a long way and Gary typifies that, Calder said yesterday. "He has got a phenomenally big heart; he never gives up. When he's in the team it's as though you have 16 players.

His defence around the

fringes is great and his centre of gravity when he runs is so low it makes him very difficult to tackle. He can break off both feet and I think admiration for his play extends far beyond Scotland's borders." Andy Nicol, the Dundee HSFP scrum half, is a young-

ster with considerable talent and Scotland are fortunate to have him to call upon but he is not Armstrong, the lorry driver from Jed-Forest whose strength going forward and back is such that he can put the breaks on any opponents. "It's a tremendous hole we

have to fill," McGeechan

added, and he should know. Berbizier shows faith in Sella help heal the wounds and

concentrate the minds. He

was equally outspoken about his decision not to include his trusted colleague and friend. Laurent Rodriquez, in the squad after a month of speculation about the likely reemergence of the former

Benazzi, injured on Sunday, has told Berbizier of his unavailability, so Champ or Chaffardon could replace

now 25, from the beginning of his international career. not only with Scotland but in Australia with the 1989 British Lions when Armstrong. still learning his trade, was second choice to Robert Jones. He matured quickly and acquired the capacity to run matches which forced opponents to make special plans for his containment — as

He has coached Armstrong

Even then Armstrong exerted an amazing influence on the match. He had nothing like the comfortable possession enjoyed by Richard Hill but managed to take play forward and his cornerhave made old-style No. 8s weep with delight.

England did last year.

 He has established an almost telepathic understand-ing with Chalmers, his standoff half. The pair have grown into the Scottish side together. Chalmers, only 23 himself, will have to nurse Nicol. into the match while the scrum half also works on his relationship with White, his No. 8, and the reconstituted back row.

☐ Robert Jones has confirmed his fitness for Saturday's game between Ireland and Wales in Dublin.

#### Sante Meriet **Boxall** hit on return

Richard Boxall, playing golf for the first time since breaking his left leg at the Open Championship, was carried off the course at Camberley Heath thinking he had broken his right leg.

Boxall was taken to hospital after being hit by a ball, where x-rays revealed severe bruising. He should be fit for the Dubai Desert Classic at the start of February.

#### Fifth for Curry

Freestyle skiing: Jilly Curry. of Britain, finished fifth in the women's combined event at the World Cup meeting in Columbia.

Nykanen ruled out Ski jumping: Matti Nykanen, the triple Olympic champion, will not be picked

by Finland to defend his titles at Albertville next month after not competing since early December.

#### Mick Leach dies

Football: Mick Leach, the former Queen's Park Rangers forward, has died in hospital, aged 44, after a lengthy illness.

replay and Peterborough.

who have hopes of reaching the Rumbelows Cup semi-

finals, can surprise Hudders-

field, who are seven places

In the second division Sun-

derland, who have drawn

that number by taking a point from Derby County.

Two teams can break their

away ducks this week. Plym-

outh Argyle, without an away

victory for 17 marches, can

end the sequence at Barnsley

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1, Fopple 1, Genosi 0; Internazionale 1,
Bed 0; Naplea 1, Florentire 0; Perma 2,
Ascoll 0; AS. Rosma 3, Cernonese 0;
Sampdoris 1, Lazio 0; Toriso 1, Atsienta 1;
Vetona 0, AC Mesa 1, Lieding positions:
(after 16 matches): 1, Milan. 27pts; 2,
Juventus, 24; 3, Naples, 21.



PORTUGUESE CUP: -Fifth round: Vi-tória Setubel 0, Bendica 0 (set); União Larses 0, Chaves 2; Santa Maria 1, Sporting Brega 1 (set); Beavitata 3, União da Madeira 1; Espinho 2, Vitória Guimarães 0; Belenentes 1, Pacos da Ferreira 1 (set); Torreense 1, Castelo Guimaráes D; Belengrises 1, Pacos da Ferraira 1 (ast); Torreense 1, Castelo Brenco 0 (ast); Penaliel 2, Laca 1; Fametico (arch); Penaliel 2, Laca 1; Fametico (arch); Penaliel 2, Laca 1; Feigueiras D (ast); Ala Arbe 1, Lebces 4, LEAGUE Farrense 0, Proto 0. SPANISH LEAGUE: Logrofide 1, Atlático Machid D; Maliora 1, Español D; Burgos 0, Resi Socieded 1; Albecté 1, Zaragoza 1; Deporthe La Coruña 0, Ovieto 0; Resi Machid 5, Castelna 2; Sporting Gijón 0, Valencia 3; Sevilla 4, Tenerile 1; Athátic Bilbao 3, Cácia: 1; Barosiona 2, Valencia 1, Lacding positiona (after 17 metiches);

AS FAR as Pierre Berbizier. has shown that personal disthe new national coach of France, is concerned, the apnointment as cantain of Philippe Sella — a former Agen team-mate and adversary in a bitter and undignified club disagreement — is both a statement of intentions and an act of faith (Chris Thau writes).

Despite their known differences, which resulted in Berbizier's departure from Agen last year, the new coach

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agreements have no bearing on his judgment.

This is not a Berbizier team. This is the French team and any differences between personalities which could affect its well-being must be left aside," Berbizier said.

With the French team still trying to find its feet in the aftermath of the defeat by England in the World Cup quarter-finals Berbizier's refreshing approach is likely to

3, G Hacid (Ger.), 1:43.282. British: 27, N Ovett, 1:46.494; 29, K Yanded, 1:47.075; 31, I Whitehead, 1:47.385; 34, M Howard, 1:49.398. Doubles: I, H-J Reff., N Huber (ft), 1:22.312; 2, K Brogger, W Huber (ft), 1:22.525; 3, 8 Krausse, J Berendt (Ger), 1:22.532. Women: 1, S Erdmann (Ger), 1:22.532. 2, S Otto (Ger), 1:23.239; 3, A Neuter (Austrie), 1:23.251. Team event: 1. Germanny, 142pts; 2, Austria, 1:35; 3, Italy, 1:30; 4, Latvie, 117.

**TABLE TENNIS** 

BIRMAINGHAM: English Open: Teema: Ment: Finat: Germany 3, China 1, Wormen: Finat: Sweden 3, England 0 (M Svensson bt A Holt, 21-13, 21-16; A Svensson bt L Lomas, 21-14, 22-20; Svensson and Svensson bt Hott and Lomas, 21-14, 21-

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No. 8 at international level.

him in the squad.

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SNOOKER FORTE HOTELS MATCHROOM LEAGUE: Exister: S Hendry (Scot) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-3; G Willdinson (Eng) draw with J Wattama (Thai), 4-4 Liameli; A Drago (Melta) bt W Thome (Eng), 6-2; N Foulds (Eng) bt S James (Eng), 5-3.

ARSENAL and Queen's Park aged by taking Ipswich Town Rangers drew at Highbury to an FA Cup third round on the opening day of the season, and the same result is on the cards when they meet in the return fixture at Loftus Road on Saturday, Rangers have made rapid strides recently, but their home record, two wins out of a possible 12, is one of the worst in the first only once away, can add to division. As Arsenal have not won away since September

28, a draw is the most likely result. Good Cup results often help league form, and the third division clubs, Hartlepool United and Peterborough United, can benefit by eaining draws at Bolton Wanderers and Huddersfield Town respectively. Hartle-

Lincoln City. Southend United, at Bristol City, are the most confident away pool will have been encourselections. coupons: v Brighton Seturday January 18 unless stated Tranmere (Friday) FIRST DIVISION 1 Leeds v C Palace 2 Luton v West Ham

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2 Chester v Brentford

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1 Leyton O v West Brom

X Preston v Easter

1 Stockport v Duringson

1 Stoke v Reading

2 Swarssea v Birminghen

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v Cowdenbeath; Brechn v
Albion, Clyde v Stranter,
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Cusen's Park; Stenhousemur v East String.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Queen's Park Rangers. Derby, Botton, Bradford City. Huddersfield, Torquey, Emley, Frickley, Falkirk, Clydebank, Mor-ton, Alloa. Derby, Bolton, Emiey, Falkirk. AWAYS: Manchester United, Southend, Plymouth, Charlton, Wrexham.

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FIXED CODS: Homes: Leeds. Cambridge, Stockport, Sunton, Horwich, Aways: Manchester United, Celtic, Dundee, Braws: Derby, Bolton, Emiley ☐ Vince Wright

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL TOKYO: Japan Bowt United States Eastern College Ali Stars 14, Western College Ali Stars 13. **ATHLETICS** LE MANS: Cross-country: Winners: Men: M Boinett (Ken), 31min 05sec. Women: S D'Sullivan (trè), 14:46. ELGOHBAR, Spain: Cross-country: Winners: Men: 1. W Omwoyo (Ken), 33min 44sec. 3, E Mertin (GB), 33:59. Women: H Kımalyo (Ken), 17:12. BASKETBALL

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WHISTLER, British Columbia, Caracter World Cap: Winners: Aerlais: Marr P Laroche (Cars), 223.38pts. British: 25, R Cobbing, 127.78. Combined points (sel-let and aerials): T Worthington (US), 30.00. Women: K Marshall (Aus), 155.52. British: 16, J Curry, 72.62. Combined: K Kubenk (Can), 25.77. British: 5, Curry, 18.33. GOLF

CARLSBAD, California: Tournament of Champione: Leading final scores (US unless string): 279: 5 Etkington (Aus), 69, 71, 67, 72: 9 Faxon, 68, 70, 71, 70 (Etking-ton won play-off at first extra hots), 280: F Couples, 72, 70, 68, 70; R Medisia: 73, 68, 68, 71; 8 Andrade, 71; 68, 70, 71, 262: P

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FA CUD Third-round replays Cambridge v Coventry (7.45) ......... Derby County v Burnley ...... West Ham v Famborough (7.45).... Wisnbledon v Bristol City (8.00)... Autoglass Trophy Northern section

First round Bury v Chesterfield ... Crews v Bolton
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Prestor v Hull
Rotherham v Chester Southern section Preliminary round Mansfield v-Peterborough ..... Azinger, 57, 76, 69, 70, 283; JD Stake, 73, 68, 74, 70; D Love, 69, 71; 73, 70, 284; M O Meera, 70, 71, 71, 72, Seniors: 282; A Gelberger, 71, 87, 71, 73, 285; B Crampton (Aus), 72, 71, 72, 70; C C Rodriguez, 70, 73, 88, 73. HOCKEY . NEW DELHI: Indira Gandhi Gold Cup tournament: Men: India 4, South Korea 3; 

RACKETS OUEEN'S CLUB: Public Schools Unider-24 Old Boys Doubles Champion-ship: Finat: Eton (M Hue Williams and Cureingham-Reid bt Chesterhouse (J Acheson-Grys and R Lewson), 7-15, 15-12, 15-11, 16-10, 15-6.

REAL TENNIS CANFORD: British Open Women's Doubles Chempionship: Semi-finals: A Garside and S Jones bit Floucher and M Happel (Ass), 6-1, 6-0; P Limitey and C Commetie bit V Horn and J Miller, 6-0, 6-5; Finat: Carside and Jones bit Lumley and Commeties, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

CUEEN'S CLUB: Public Schools Old Scare Devilles Chempionship. Qualify-Soys Doubles Chempionship. Qualify-ing round: Eton I (W Scone and R Ahad) bt Cranisign (D Vaughan and M Fastames), 63, 64; Halleybury II bi Centerd R. 6-4, 4-6, 6-1:

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retain title ) COUNTY SCHOOLS 18-GROUP: Cum-

VALIXHALL FA TRÖPHY: First round: northwich v Hyde. First round repisys: Bromegrove v Redbridge Forest; Dertlord v Merthy Tydfir, Garteshed v Blyth Spartans (at Blyth): Gretne v Bangor City, Kingstonien v Colchester; Morédénibe v Fleshvood; Northallerton v Friddey (st Friokley); Runcom v Leek Town.

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(Swanese) 22, R Burden (Lianelli) 10; L Webley (Vale of Glemorgan) 12. W Thomas (Entrarocd) 19; M Bishop (Swan-see) 21, J Dacey (Methyr Tydii) 16; L Herris (Vale of Glemorgan) 15, B Kingdon (Lianell) 22; S Wilehire (Fhondde) 23, R Greenslade (Cardii) 13.

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First round Barnet v Northampton (7.45) ..... Fulham v Gillingham ...... Stoke v Cardiff..... WBA v Exeter ..... GM Vauxhall Conference

Kettering v Yeovil ..... Tennents Scottish Cup Second round Clyde v Arbroath... Second round replay East Fife v Brechin .... B and Q Scottish League \* Premier division Motherwell v Aberdeen First division

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Dumbarton v East Stirling.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford v Sheffield United. Second division: Oldman v Preston (7.00); Wigan v Grimstoy (7.00). OLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE: Cardiff City v AFC Boursemouth; Exster City v Torquay United; Hereford United v Swensee City. SNIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Coleraine (7.45).

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Colwyn Bay v Caernarton, Irlam v Guseley, Rityl v Warnington BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division. RC Warvelke v Reddich. Southern division: Margate v Sudbury Town Barclays Comhercial Services Challenge Cup: Waterlookila v Salisbury; Bromsgrove v Hadnesford Town. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision; Paulton Rovers V Bristol Manor Farm. EVANS HALSHAW FLOODLIT CUP: Eastwood Town v Mattock; Rocester v

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CLUB MATCHES: Glamorgan Wander era v Pontypool (7.00): Penarth v Newbridge (7.00).

JERVCISE BAY SC, Western Australia: Tornado cetamaran world champion-ship: Second race: 1, C Santacreu and P Ballestrer (Sp); 2, M Booth and J Forbes (Aus); 3, G Zuccell and A Gésoni (II). British placings: 22, D Williams and I Rhodes; 23, T Robrison and B Grant. CAMPBELL CONFERENT
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Calgary Flames ..... 19 18 5 43
Los Angeles Kings ... 17 19 7 41
Edmonton Otlers ... 18 22 7 39
San Jose Sharks ..... 10 32 3 23

> WINDSURFING SINGAPORE: World championships:
> Lechner (after three races): Men: 1, 8
> Edgington (GB): 2, M Culnitin (Fr): 3, A
> (sr). Women: 1, M Horbert (Fr): 2, N
> Lettevra (Fr): 3, D De Vries (Nett): British:
> 5, P Way. Raceboard (after tour races):
> Men: Light: 1, T Lenthell (Aus): 2, 5 Ota
> (Indo): 3, J-P Ballet-Baz (Fr). Heavy: A
> Hoekstra (Neth). 2, 5 Allen (Aus): 3, G
> Lillegren (Swe). Women: 1, F Allendrieu
> (Fr): 2, P Tyler (GB): 3, L Pepermans (Bei)

SHOOTING UPPER HUTT, Wallington, New Zea-land: Massfield aggregate (First stage): Top British scorés (seven shots at 300, 500 and 800 yards): J Scobie (Scot), 103; A Tucker (GB), 102; A Certis (GB), 102; A Luckman (GB Under 25), 102; J Delian (LMRA), 102; H Hutter (Scot), 102 FOOTBALL 35

# THE TIMES **SPORT**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1992** 

Council agrees to continue negotiations next month

# FA defers Premier League decision

By STUART JONES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A DECISION on the formation of the Premier League has been deferred. At the end of a meeting which lasted for almost three hours at Lancaster Gate yesterday, the mem-bers of the Football Association council agreed only that they would re-assemble for a special meeting to be convened on February

"The show is still on the road," Graham Kelly, chief executive of the FA, declared. He and Rick Parry, the designated chief executive of the Premier League, were con-cerned that the wheels might have fallen off either in London or Nottingham. where representatives of the first division clubs gathered on Sunday.

Instead, they have been given the authority to continue talking to the various interested parties, which for the first time will include the Football League, next Tuesday. Yet the progress of a concept conceived by Kelly nine months ago is being made at the pace of a somnambulant snail.

The foundations are being laid, nevertheless, and Kelly remains convinced that the Premier League will indeed be established in time for the start of next season on August 15. The public, however, may question whether the historic development will have been

By PETER BALL

GOVERNMENT funding

for football ground improve-

ments is fast becoming a

fraught political issue. Yester-

day Tom Pendry, MP, the

chairman of the Commons all

party football committee.

wrote to the chancellor, Nor-

man Lamont, demanding a

statement on the govern-

ment's intentions regarding

Premier League access to the

funds, based on the tax con-

cessions made to football by

John Major in the 1990

Last week the Football

Trust, which administers the

money — £20 million a year

for five years - asked the

minister for sport, Robert

Atkins, to decide on whether

budget.

season's first division programme will include four free Saturdays before international fixtures. At present, there

Although it had been thought that a definitive statement would be forthcoming yesterday, it is clear that the prospect was unreal-istic. The first division clubs and the council, at their separate meetings, were being

ate for them to vote for anyone standing as a prospective president of the League. succeed the late Bill Fox, of Blackburn Rovers.

Premier League clubs were-

eligible for the grants, which

are allocated under an agree-

ment with the government

and the Football and Scottish

clubs about to leave the lower

division clubs in the lurch in

pursuit of FA gold, their right

to the grants has been con-

tested, with Football League

ing to hijack the money". It

has been thought that in elec-

tion year, the government,

which itself is divided on the

issue, might be reluctant to be

seen to be giving to the rich.

particularly a group who are

widely seen as purely selfish.

and so far Atkins has not

The Football Trust has ap-

taken any decision.

officers accusing them of "try-

With the Premier League

Leagues.

asked to accept not fine de-tails but broad principles. One was significant. The first division clubs decided that it would be inappropri-Doug Ellis, the chairman of Aston Villa, was initially put forward as a candidate to

onstrated their firm commitment to the proposal which is officially to be known as the FA Premier League. They are evidently prepared to enter it. even without the consent of the League and the Professional Footballers' Association, both of whom have expressed their disapproval, but Gordon McKeag, the chairman of the League's shadow board and a member of the council, said: "We are all going to sit together and discuss the way forward.

first division clubs have dem-

"It is a pity it hasn't happened before now, but at least it means that we will be sitting round a table talking about reaching agreement. That is certainly a major step forward.

Although McKeag found satisfaction in that decision,

plications pending from most

of the 22 first division clubs,

and the Manchester City

chairman, Peter Swales, one

of the Premier League's lead-

ing protagonists, has threat-

ened to abandon plans for

Maine Road if the money was

not forthcoming. Yesterday

Pendry, who has also put

down questions in the house

on the subject for the treasury

and the minister for sport,

called on the government to

"This damaging 'will they, won't they' attitude from the

government could seriously

undermine the game's efforts

to plan the implementation of

the Taylor Report," Pendry

said. "Having set a strict

timetable for conversion to

all-seated accommodation,

take an early decision.



Indecision time: Parry, left, and Kelly yesterday

Decision sought on trust money

the inevitability of the Pre-mier League. "It is still on course," he agreed. "I never really expected it to be any

Yet the first division clubs

refused to confirm Parry's

position. Although he has been acting on their behalf for three months, they insisted that his role should remain temporary until the end of May. Today, he is to discuss the implications with Sir John Quinton, the non-executive chairman of the Premier League. After attending as his representative at Lancaster Gate, Parry said: "From a personal point of view, it has been a gruelling year and there is a lot more to come." No agreement has yet been reached, for instance, even on the size of the Premier

The League demands that three clubs should be promoted and relegated. The FA is equally adamant that two should come up and three go down, thereby gradually re-ducing the number of contestants. Nor have criteria such as crowd capacity and facili-ties been decided.

But Kelly believes that "we can assume that we are moving roughly along the right lines and as fast as we possi bly can". Since some 115 people are involved in the whole process, a figure which excludes the remaining 72 League clubs, it should not be surprising that the wheels are turning so painfully slowly.

the government is now caus-

refusing to state its policy.

ing confusion and turmoil by

a definitive answer. What is

his intention regarding the

distribution of football pool

betting money in the event of

the Premier League being

formed? It's a straight ques-

tion — football deserves a

☐ Aldershot have appointed

administrators. The Inland

Revenue, which is owed

£140,000 and has threatened

to take out a winding-up

order, must now wait for the

administrators' report, while

yesterday's decision allows

the Crystal palace director,

Simon Hulme-Kendall, more

time to put together a rescue

straight answer.

"The chancellor must give



Retiring attitude: Whitbread announces the end of her career, after a longstruggle against injury, in London yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

### Whitbread forced to retire by chronic shoulder injury

By LOUISE TAYLOR

FATIMA Whitbread has thrown her last javelin. She conceded defeat to a longstanding shoulder yesterday, saying: "I want to live the rest of my life with the use of both arms. I don't want to be a cripple."

In the hope of competing in the Olympics in Barcelona this year, the former world record-holder had planned to visit a specialist in Finland at Christmas. Before departing, she visited her local track at Thurrock, Essex.

"I only tried a gentle practice throw," she said. "But my shoulder just dislocated. That was when, deep in my heart, I knew that it was all over. It was something that took a long time to swallow. One day I was at the top of the tree, competing with the best, and then I was feeling redundant the next. I could not continue to take so much pain and

She traced the root of the problem to her world record throw in Stuttgart. "Since

from behind the opposition's

then I've done a lot of crying, and the last three vital years have been all about frustration. But my surgeon warned me I was only one throw a

I wondered, why me? Eventually, I would like to settle down and have a family of my own," she added. "Who knows, perhaps I will produce

way from becoming a cripple.

Bont: Hackney, London, March 3 1961: Height: Sit 59kin. Weight: 12st 2b. Club: Thurnock Herriers. Briteriers. Brit

RECORDS: World, European, Common wealth and British: 77.44m (Stirtgert Aug 28 1998). UK all-comera: 75.82m (Derby, May 25 1987). OTHER DETAILS: European Cup wirmer 1983; 2nd, 1985. World Cup; 3rd, 1985. WAAA champion, 1981-84, 1986-87. UK champion, 1981-85, 1987-88.

a champion javelin thrower of

the future? Whitbread, born 30 years ago in London, has not been able to compete since she injured her shoulder in the United Kingdom championships at Cardiff in 1990.

Her retirement marks the end of a time when British women's javelin-throwing. through Whitbread and Tessa Sanderson, was as good as any country in the

world. Whitbread won the world championship gold medal in Rome in 1987 to add to her gold in the 1986 European championships and silvers in the 1986 Commonwealth

Games and 1988 Olympics. She will maintain her involvement in athletics by continuing to run Chafford Hundred Athletic Club at Thurrock, which she helped establish to look after the commercial interests of Britain's leading athletes and by doing some "grassroots

### **BBC** is raising budget to £55m

By Ken Lawrence

THE impact of increased competition from ITV and BSkyB for big events is re-flected in the 1992 BBC sports budget of £55 million — about £11 million up on last year. For their money, however, the BBC has what its head of sport, Jonathan Martin, yesterday described as "a blue-chip portfolio".

Such is the quality of the 1,600 hours scheduled that the European Cup final scheduled to be played at Wembley does not make the list of the top 20 events to be screened this year.

"It is a daunting year, the biggest we have ever faced," Martin said. "However, it maintains the BBC's pre-eminent position and our sports output is today as strong as at any time in history. We cannot help but smile and feel optimistic when we look at our list. We remain British sport's biggest sponsor."

The centrepiece of the 1992 programme is the Olympic Games at Barcelona, which will be seen exclusively live. There will also be 90 hours from the Albertville Winter Olympics next month. The BBC will have all 16 Formula One grands prix, all four major golf tournaments, the Cornhill Test match series, the Texaco one-day internationals and the NatWest and Benson and Hedges oneday cricket competitions. There will be 85 days of horse racing, including the Cheltenham festival and the Grand National.

"We will have 80-90 per cent of the sport that matters in 1992 for BBC viewers." Martin said. And there will not be a single commercial break. In America, Australia, indeed everywhere, commercial breaks are disruptive. It is a vital factor viewers are missing something — or think that they are missing something. Sport is a continuous drama and the BBC is giving a continuous drama.

### Rise in rugby viewers

BBC Television's Rugby Special programme has increased its weekly viewing total by almost half a million since the Rugby World Cup, according to figures issued last night (Peter Bills writes).

The programme's average weekly viewing figure increased from just under 1.2 million to over 1.6 million. in the period immediately after the World Cup. It will be received with relief by BBC officials aware of the impressive ratings achieved by ITV during the their coverage of the tournament.

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BBC officials think that a target figure of seven million is within reach for live coverage of Saturday's match between Scotland and England.

Prean promoted Table tennis: Carl Prean, the English No. 1, has moved up one place to No. 11 in the

es of the Inland Revenue.

After prolonged inaction by everyone at the ground, it fell to me to ask her to leave the field. What did I say?

Well, contrary to some of the

suggestions I have since re-

ceived, I did not ask for her

telephone number; I just ad-

vised her to contact her local

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### Supporters offer FA Cup contrast

TED Pearce, the manager of non-League Farnborough Town, expects 30 coachloads of supporters to travel to Upton Park for his side's FA Cup third-round replay with West Ham United tonight (Louise Taylor writes).

'If the door was left open for us after that game, it must be a little wider now," Pearce, whose team drew 1-1 at the first division club's ground ten days ago, said. "My players will approach this in a more relaxed fashion, knowing that we have to put them under a bit more pressure in their box if we can.'

Lodged in the first division relegation zone and facing protests from supporters against their now notorious

Famborough out of their

penalty area tonight. More than 4,000 West Ham supporters invaded the Upton Park pitch after Saturday's 1-1 draw with Wimbledon, but Steve Rapport, one of the organisers of that protest, said yesterday he hoped there would be no repeat.

"I think we have defeated the bond scheme," he said. "I do not think there is any need for another demonstration." Woking reached the fourth round last season, and they aim to return there by eliminating League opposition

away at Hereford United. Lineker returns, page 35

# Morale restored by a powerful performance

IF EVER a morale-boosting performance was demanded by a team, it was needed by Leeds United against Shef-field Wednesday on Sunday. To deliver the kind of performance we did, a 6-1 win in front of the watching millions on television, exceeded even our own ambitions. We can now look forward to our final confrontation against Manchester United, in the delayed FA Cup third-round tie tomorrow night, with much-needed confidence.

Confidence, so vital at any time, can so easily be lost on the back of a poor result. Once lost, it becomes increasingly difficult to regain.
Any team, no matter how successful, is going to suffer setbacks. The measure of the

team is how it overcomes those setbacks. On Sunday, we demon-This was a formation relastrated we have the resilience

and character to bounce straight back to our best. We must show these same qualities tomorrow night in our attempt to square the series Our team selection on Sunday was governed by the injury to Gordon Strachan and

e suspension of David Batty. Much had been made of tively unfamiliar to us all but our apparent weakness in I don't think you would have terms of squad strength and how we would not be able to known it from the way we played. Fluid passing moveperform without such key ments were soon in evidence nembers of the team. as both full backs and wide players started to tear the Wednesday defence to

But even without them, the psychological necessity for victory at Hillsborough led Howard Wilkinson, our man-This penetration down Wednesday's flanks resulted ager, to select a very attacking formation. Steve Hodge came into a three-man midin the best service I have received during my time at Leeds. Not only were there plenty of crosses delivered field and Carl Shutt was selected on the right flank, opposite Rod Wallace, with myself in the middle. into the opposition penalty area but most of them came



Lee Chapman continues

with his inside view

of life at Leeds United

defence - far more penetrating than those delivered from My three goals and the overall team display gave me an immense amount of satis-

faction. It was all the greater for having been achieved on ny old stamping ground. In four years there, I never managed to score three times in a game. It also gave equal pleasure to Howard Wilkinson, Mei Sterland and Carl Shutt, who all enjoyed lengthy spells at Hills-

One contentions point

arising from the match was that of the penalty awarded to Wednesday. Most sea-soned professionals will, if tripped or pushed, offer little esistance to their inevitable fall to the ground. This is

What is unacceptable is when a professional seeks to gain a penalty by deliberately diving when no such contact occurs. This was seen to happen on Sunday, when Gor-don Watson was adjudged to have been fouled by Chris Whyte. This sort of thing st be stopped for the good

of the game.
On a lighter note, that endangered species, the streaker, made an appearance during the match, albeit partly clad. It appears the lady in question was the own-er of a massage parlour pro-testing at a decision to tax

So we report for training today after a well-deserved day off. We have little time to prepare for our final match with United.

further ado.

Our best preparation was, perhaps, our display against Wednesday. United have knocked us out of one compe tition aiready, we must not let them do it again.

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